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A SHELL OF A GOOD TIME: THOUSANDS PACK INTO OLD TOWN BSL FOR NYE OYSTER DROP



PHOTO BY GEOFF BELCHER | SEA COAST ECHO
A packed downtown Bay St. Louis rang in the New Year.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

The crowd was packed shoulder-to-shoulder on Beach Boulevard in Old Town Bay St. Louis on New Year's Eve as

a huge crowd gathered for the fifth annual NYE Oyster Drop.

Category 6 and the Chee Weez rocked the block before the hand-crafted oyster lowered to signify the begin-

ning of 2025 and a massive fireworks display began.

Jim MacPhaille, a developer and owner of the 200 North Beach Restaurant, started the event in 2020

MacPhaille said, "Thanks BSL, for making this year's Oyster Drop bigger and better than last year. The bands played non-stop hits, were great entertainers, and kept the crowd dancing and on their feet all night long. Category 6 came on first followed by the Chee Weez, they both really entertained the crowd from 7:30 into the New Year. The Oyster Drop has really turned into one of the great annual events on the Gulf Coast."

MacPhaille said that the safe atmosphere made the event all the better.

"I think we have great leadership in Bay St. Louis," MacPhaille said. "The city really did a great job in helping us pull this off on all levels. They helped coordinate everything starting with meetings with the

mayor's staff, the police chief, the public works director, and then they cleaned up so fast — the next day they were out there cleaning up the street.

"It's really a city-wide event, and we feel lucky to be able to put this show on every year. It's a great opportunity for everyone to come out and enjoy New Year's."

MacPhaille also credited the staff of 200 North Beach Restaurant for how smoothly the night went.

"I think the staff of 200 North Beach — our General Manager Leslie Goodman, everybody there — did their roles, and it was fantastic. It went off without a hitch."

The "oyster" re-

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2024 THE YEAR IN REVIEW

PART TWO

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

The new year has begun, but we're still getting over 2024. Last week, we recapped the top news from January-through-June, based on the most-read stories from our website, www.seacoastecho.com. Here's part two of our "2024: Year in Review" series:

July

- Officials with the city of Waveland, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, and the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission on Tuesday joined Waveland Hospitality LLC in breaking ground at the site of the soon to be Marriott Fairfield and TownePlace Suites.

The new four-story hotel, with a planned investment of \$16 million, will be located at 530 Hwy. 90 in Waveland and will feature about 110 rooms with 55 rooms designated as



ECHO FILE PHOTOS

From top left, the city of Waveland celebrated the groundbreaking for the Marriott Fairfield and TownePlace Suites. At top right, longtime Bay St. Louis veterinarian Dr. James Mahler retired. At bottom left, Dan's Po-Boys and Seafood celebrated eighth anniversary. At bottom right, Waveland's Hot Rods and Hospitality celebrated another record year during Cruisin the Coast.

Fairfield rooms, while the remaining 55 will be TownePlace rooms, with shared amenities such as breakfast and a coffee bar, a previous release

from HCPHC states.

Waveland Mayor Jay Trapani said the new project involved a joint-effort with Waveland, the Hancock Coun-

ty Board of Supervisors and the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission.

"This is going to jumpstart this western

end of Highway 90," Trapani said. "Between

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Today
46°

Low Temperature 35°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 57%

High Tide
08:18 pm @ 1.77 ft
Low Tide
07:04 am @ -0.69 ft

Jan. 10
62°

Low Temperature 40°F
86% Chance of Rain
Humidity 88%

High Tide
09:05 pm @ 1.87 ft
Low Tide
07:48 am @ -0.85 ft

Jan. 11
48°

Low Temperature 38°F
89% Chance of Rain
Humidity 73%

High Tide
09:54 pm @ 1.9 ft
Low Tide
08:36 am @ -0.92 ft

Jan. 12
53°

Low Temperature 36°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 70%

High Tide
10:42 pm @ 1.87 ft
Low Tide
09:26 am @ -0.89 ft

Jan. 13
56°

Low Temperature 45°F
Windy
Humidity 72%

High Tide
11:27 pm @ 1.77 ft
Low Tide
10:15 am @ -0.82 ft

Jan. 14
43°

Low Temperature 41°F
Overcast
Humidity 68%

High Tide
11:01 am @ -0.69 ft
Low Tide

Jan. 15
51°

Low Temperature 41°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 60%

High Tide
12:07 am @ 1.64 ft
Low Tide
11:42 am @ -0.49 ft



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Scouts install fence for Hope Haven’s therapy dog

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

Last week, members of Pass Christian BSA Troop 316 G and VFW Post 5931 helped install a fence for Hope Haven Children’s Advocacy Center’s certified therapy dog, Bean.

“We are always looking for service projects,” scout master Michelle Daniel said. “And so we had a connection with Bean and Hope Haven and we wanted to come and build her a fence.”

Daniel said the VFW has previously supported the troop with its service projects.

“When we knew we needed to build a fence, we called our friends at the VFW and they’ve been so supportive,” they have been so incredible at teaching our girls today, our scouts today, just technique, what to do. They’ve been

very patient, they’ve been great teachers and now these young scouts are equipped to build a fence.”

Hope Haven Executive Director Jennifer Boehm said that Daniel and her husband donated Bean the therapy to Hope Haven about a year-and-a-half ago.

“This was actually their idea,” Boehm said. “Over time we’ve realized it would be helpful for our dog to be safe or even for the children who receive services at Hope Haven for them to be able to interact with the dog outside in a safe area since we’re on a busy street. This will help keep the kids safe and keep the dog safe.”

Boehm said the troop has plans to come back and paint the fence.

About Hope Haven

Hope Haven is one of 12 Children’s Advocacy Centers in the state is ac-

credited by the National Children’s Alliance.

Hope Haven works closely with the district attorney, law enforcement agencies, Mississippi Child Protective Services, and other local organizations in the coordination of investigations of cases of child sexual abuse and felony child physical abuse cases through the county Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT) of Hancock and Pearl River counties.

Specially trained staff at Hope Haven conduct forensic interviews of children ages 3-17 in a child friendly environment. These interviews are critical for the DA, CPS, and law enforcement to determine if a child has been abused, as well as the successful prosecution of people who harm children.

Investigators and others are able to observe these interviews on cam-



Photo by Cassandra Favre | Sea Coast Echo

Members of Pass Christian’s BSA Troop 316 and VFW Post 5931 installed a fence at Hope Haven for Bean, the certified therapy dog.

era from another location in the CAC while they are being conducted by the specially trained interviewer in a child friendly setting.

Hope Haven also provides free services for as long as needed to child victims and non-offend-

ing family members.

Hope Haven offers Darkness to Light training that specializes in the education and prevention of child sexual abuse, other forms of abuse, and mandated reporting.

The program teaches adults how to prevent,

recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

For more information on how you can receive the training, call 228-466-6395 or email info@hopehavencac.org or dfoster@hopehavencac.org.

Hancock Chamber Celebrates 100 Years with Announcement of 2025 Board of Directors and Calendar of Events

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Hancock Chamber of Commerce is proud to kick off its centennial year, celebrating a century of fostering growth, innovation, and community spirit. Established in 1925 as the Bay St. Louis Chamber of Commerce by the Rotary Club, the organization officially became the Hancock Chamber in 1945. Today, it remains a cornerstone of economic and community development in Hancock County.

“As we step into our 100th year, we reflect on our rich history while looking forward to an exciting future. This milestone year is not just about cel-

ebrating our past—it’s about laying the foundation for the next century of success. There’s a place here for everyone who wants to make a difference in their business and our community, and there’s no better time to become a member than during the 100th anniversary of our founding by the Bay St. Louis Rotary,” said Tish Haas Williams, Executive Director of the Hancock Chamber.

2025 Board of Directors

President: Heather Ladner Smith, Butler Snow

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cock Chamber of Commerce

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2025 Ex-Officio and Committee Chairs

Hancock County Community Development Foundation President: Ray Wesson, Bank-Plus

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Beautification: Katharine

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Education: Dr. Raymunda Barnes, Pearl River Community College

Hancock Young Professionals: Jordan Bradford, Nammo

Leadership Hancock: Janell Nolan, Coast Electric

Relocation: Aissa Wiggins, John McDonald Realty

The Hancock Chamber’s 2025 calendar of events is now available at hancockchamber.org. Visitors can download a printable yearly overview from the homepage and stay updated on ribbon cuttings, open houses, and other key events throughout the year.



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Celebrate the 8th Annual Dolly Should Event

Get ready to embrace the spirit of Dolly Parton at the 8th Annual Dolly Should event, a community celebration packed with fun, music, and good-hearted giving. Live music from My Sweetie, starts at 4 PM and their soulful sounds will set the perfect tone for an unforgettable evening honoring everyone’s favorite country icon. One of the night’s highlights is the Dolly Lookalike Contest, starting at 7 PM. Fans and Dolly enthusiasts are encouraged to don their best rhinestones, wigs, and big smiles to compete for prizes and bragging rights as the ultimate Dolly doppelgänger. The event also supports a great cause with a book drive benefiting the Hancock County Library System, helping spread Dolly’s legacy of literacy. By making a book donation, you will be making a meaningful impact in the local community. In addition to the festivities, exclusive Dolly-inspired merchandise and a specially curated menu will be available at the Mockingbird Café. Many Old Town Merchant Association members will offer specials and Dolly tees.

BAY HOTSPOTS

The Old Town Merchants Association will highlight member businesses each month that make Bay St. Louis truly a place apart and Second Saturdays so special. On this first Second Saturday in January, we start at Dolly Should central and the Mockingbird Café on Second Street. Grab a cup of coffee and take a stroll on down the Street where you will find some of Old Town’s most deeply rooted establishments with a couple of exciting new ventures sprinkled in!

Mockingbird Café

110 S. 2nd Street

One of BSL’s most beloved establishments, the Mockingbird Café is fondly referred to “The Bird”. Everyone in town knows where you are headed for coffee, delicious made-from-scratch food, and even better conversation. During the early days post Katrina, the Mockingbird became the hub of Old Town providing space for the weary to sit, find nourishment, share information, and the internet! It continues to be a prominent gathering spot with outdoor seating, a music stage, and a creative line up of community events.

Open 7 days a week 7am – 2pm | Evenings vary

Second Street Salon

S. 2nd Street

A hair stylist with over 40 years of experience, Connie Bourgeois realized her dream of owning her own salon in 2022. Located in one of the oldest standing buildings in Old Town, the Salon on Second Street, is a quaint, intimate studio for all your hair care needs. You will find hair care products from Davines, Freyrs Sunglasses, Brooklyn Candle Co.

candles, and a variety of jewelry, including Eveille from NOLA. Connie’s experience, creativity, and desire to create a welcoming and personalized space makes this salon a must stop spot for folks looking for high quality salon services and a special shopping experience.

Open Tuesday – Friday 9am – 5pm | Saturday 9am – 12pm

Magnolia Antiques

200 Main Street

Just past the salon, at the intersection of 2nd and Main, Magnolia Antiques offers a memorable antiquing adventure. With over 3,000 square feet of retail space, stepping through the front door is like entering a time capsule waiting to be explored. A haven for collectors, history enthusiasts, and those simply looking for a brush with the past, Magnolia Antiques presents a broad spectrum of treasures. From Mid Century Modern furnishings to antique coins to a whimsically displayed ukuleles, guests come back to the shop visit after visit to seeking new finds. In business since 2008, Glenda and Jack Schornick, along with their daughter Shay Coss welcome every visitor like family.

Open 7 days a week | 10am – 5pm

Social Chair

201 Main Street

At the corner of 2nd and Main Street resides the one and only Social Chair, an Old Twon BSL staple. Awarded best gift shop in the state multiple times, Social Chair is a much sought-after destination for residents and visitors alike. Whether you are looking for the ultimate statement jewelry, unique home décor, or the perfect gift, this shop is the place to go. From festive to sparkly to the pinnacle of Southern elegance this shop is

filled with goods that are unique, hilarious, and just downright fabulous. The energy in Social Chair is palpable. The colorful Adirondack chairs on the porch mark the spot!

Open 7 days a week | 10am – 5pm | Sundays 11am – 4pm

Antique Maison

111 N. 2nd Street

An antique mall opened in 2006 by Sylvia and Edward Young, Antique Maison continues nearly twenty-five years later to be a place to find something special and unique. Over two dozen vendors offer one-of-a-kind goods from across the country. You will find antique collectibles, new and vintage jewelry, furniture, hand crafted artwork, nautical décor, vinyl records, candles, gently used linen, historical books, vintage light fixtures, chandeliers, concrete statues, steampunk creations by John Walrod, and so much more. The Young family is proud to continue their parents’ legacy of offering Bay St. Louis a friendly place to shop for something old, something new, or for something that just brings back good memories. They have something for everyone as Sylvia would say.

Open 7 days a week | 10am – 5pm | Sunday 12pm – 5pm

Cotton Exchange

113 N. 2nd Street

Cotton Exchange, a women’s specialty boutique, features a carefully curated collection of Women’s clothing, accessories, and specialty gifts. You will find specialty brands like Jude Connally, Gretchen Scott, Barbour for Women, Mer-Sea, Finley Shirts, Crown Linen, Spartina and Susan Shaw Jewelry.

Owner, Lauren Field, a native of Baton Rouge,

has a long family history of vacationing on the Gulf Coast in Pass Christian Isles. She studied Fashion Design at Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. After graduating from LSU with a degree in Fashion Merchandising she opened her first shop in St. Francisville, LA. She returns to Coastal Mississippi with her second shop, bringing her favorite quality apparel lines with her. One visit and Cotton Exchange will be one of your favorite places to shop for beautiful clothes.

Open Wednesday – Saturday | 10am – 5pm | Closed Sunday - Monday

Ms. Mary’s

Old Town Snoballs & Ice Cream

203B N. 2nd Street

You expect to find delightful treats like Ice Cream, Snoballs, and Malts at Ms. Mary’s, but that is not all waiting for you at this old-fashioned walk-up-window estab-

lishment! There is a full lunch menu, including an extensive hot dog menu for a satisfying meal any time of the day to be enjoyed at umbrella-topped picnic tables. A second

location in Waveland on Nicholson Avenue also offers breakfast and indoor seating.

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Opinion

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Be like DOLLY

The first time I was ever introduced to Dolly Parton was a viewing of the film “Steel Magnolias” when I was a child at my Maw Maw’s house on Chartres Street in Bay St. Louis.

Her infectious giggle, southern drawl, and her overall character in the film is one of the most lovable things about the movie.

Of course, after numerous viewings, I can almost quote it word for word and it is truly one of my most treasured movies to rewatch.

Her song “9 to 5” is a favorite, especially since how it so very describes the working world.

A couple of years ago, I watched a documentary about Dolly on Netflix and I learned that she used her acrylic nails to come up with the baseline.

In an interview on “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon,” she said, “When I actually wrote this song, I used my acrylic nails on the set when I was writing it. They make noise that kind of sounds like a typewriter.”

That movie is also a classic and never fails to make me laugh.

So, last year, I finally watched “The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas,” and I was blown away. First off, I never realized it was a full on musical, and as an avid lover of musicals, I was quite pleased.

It really is a delightful film.

And, of course, the song “I Will Always Love You,” is featured.

But Dolly is also well-known for her genuine kindness and philanthropy.

In 1988, she started the Dollywood Foundation in her home county of Sevier County, TN to help children “achieve educational success.”

The Buddy Program was also established in the late ‘80s, where she asked every 7th and 8th grade student to “buddy up” with another student, promising them \$500 in cash after they both successfully graduated high school.

Also, during that time, she offered a \$500 scholarship to every student in Sevier County who wanted to attend Hiwassee College.

In 1991, she established Eagle Mountain Sanctuary at Dollywood, a 30,000-square-foot aviary which houses the country’s largest collection of “non-releasable” bald eagles.



STAFF COLUMN
BY CASSANDRA FAVRE

Hancock History: Yellow Fever

During the Nineteenth Century, there were several “yellow fever” epidemics in New Orleans and Hancock County. Its residents called the plague “yellow jack” because of the jaundice (yellow skin) that occurs with severe disease. Yellow Fever is not the same disease as malaria. Yellow Fever is caused by a virus while malaria is caused by a parasite. Both diseases are transmitted by mosquitos. There is a vaccine to prevent yellow fever, but no vaccine to prevent malaria. Initial symptoms of yellow fever include fever, chills, headache, back pain, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, and weakness. Severe symptoms include high fever, yellow skin and/or eyes, bleeding, shock, and organ failure. Yellow Fe-

ver arrived in America during the Seventeenth Century via the slave trade.

It is instructive to briefly describe the method of treatment of disease by our ancestors in this time frame. No one called a local doctor except for the most serious diseases. Quinine was the remedy for chills and fever. Another home remedy was “bluemass,” a dark gummy substance that was rolled into a pill. Calomel was commonplace in most farm houses. These powerful purgatives were followed by castor oil to complete the cure.

In 1900, US Army Surgeon Major Walter Reed and his Yellow Fever Commission discovered the cause of Yellow Fever. They proved the disease was transmitted

by the bite of a mosquito and caused by a filterable agent (virus) in the blood of infected patients. Mississippi eradicated yellow fever by killing the mosquito population that spread the disease.

The several local epidemics in this era started in New Orleans. The disease was brought over from Caribbean Sea travelers. Once the diagnosis was made and publicized, New Orleans residents would flee to Hancock County to their summer houses. Unfortunately, the disease accompanied them to Mississippi creating smaller epidemics. There were epidemics in 1842, 1853, and 1867. In 1867, St. Stanislaus College had to close. It took three years for the student body to again reach the original number. Another



HANCOCK HISTORY
BY JAMES KEATING M.D.

er epidemic occurred in 1878 with fifty cases diagnosed resulting in twelve dead. In 1898, there were eight cases in Waveland that resided in three adjoining houses. In one house a fifteen-year-old girl was in critical condition suffering an attack of black vomit.

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Conservation Corner: Yellowstone National Park, Part I

The Corps of Discovery, which was a specially established unit of the U.S. Army led by Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, was the first unit of foreigners to explore the greater Yellowstone region. Among them was one of the most celebrated hunters and woodsmen of that time, John Colter. It was during this time that Colter became the first known person of European descent to enter the region now known as Yellowstone National Park and see the Teton Mountain Range. When he returned with his many tales of the wilderness, people found his stories unbelievable and declined to publish them for fear of scrutiny among their peers.

Many fur traders traveled to the Yellowstone region in search of great finds. Most of the mountain men of that era were experienced trappers and able to survive some of the most treacherous conditions. Many were illiterate, but fortunately, Osborne Russell was not.

He knew how to survive, trap, read, and write. His journals consist of the earliest accounts of the Yellowstone region.

Towards the end of 1840, the fur trade was dwindling. The trappers who remained in the region adapted, and among them was the renowned Jim Bridger. Bridger, a natural born topographer, decided to become a guide, scout, and legendary storyteller. His vast knowledge of what is now Yellowstone National Park allowed him to become the first “geographer” of the region.

In 1869, D. E. Folsom, William Peterson, and C. W. Cook completed the first successful, privately organized Yellowstone expedition. Eventually their exploits were published by the Western Monthly Magazine of Chicago.

In 1885, President Grover Cleveland appointed Mississippian L. Q. C. Lamar to be Secretary of the Interior. During this time Secretary Lamar fought to bring order and dis-

tinction to Yellowstone National Park. Though many tried to limit Lamar’s influence in the governance of Yellowstone, he called upon his political prowess to ensure the preservation of this national treasure by suggesting “the control of the Park be transferred to the War Department.” This restored original appropriations to the Park providing compensation for protection of the park. Lamar Valley in the northeast portion of the park is named in his honor. It is one of my personal favorite places and I have seen more wildlife in this valley than any other place in the park.

The 1891 Timberland Reserve Bill, which initially enlarged Yellowstone, set aside 13 million acres of America’s first timber reserves from which the national forest system was born. To secure passage of the Timberland Reserve Bill, Lamar, along with Boone and Crockett Club members joined together to create forest



GUEST COLUMN
BY JAMES L. CUMMINS
reserves, the forerunner to our National Forest System.

Lamar is one of only eight leaders featured in Profiles of Courage, the Pulitzer Prizewinning book by President John F. Kennedy. Kennedy cited Lamar for his courage in healing wounds that had been festering between the North and South.

James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a nonprofit conservation organization founded to conserve, restore, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their website is www.wildlifemiss.org.

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ARREST RECORD



Arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice facility from December 30 to January 6 appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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Edwin E. Ritchie, 67, disturbing the peace
Parker D. Waltman, 26, contempt of court failure to appear x 5
Wade C. Ledesma, 36, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
Jason E. Wells, 47, domestic violence aggravated assault
Chloe M. Fisher, 35, DUI
Kristian P. Whitney, 49, trespassing
Timothy R. Oswalt, 29, DUI
Stephen T. Turcotte, 34, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Kiesten I. Davis, 22, disorderly conduct; motor vehicle resisting/obstructing arrest
Steven S. Ladner, 45, contempt failure to comply
Aubrey B. Smith, 72, contempt of court failure to appear
Justin W. Owen, 43, trespass

Everett D. Rivers, 40, trespassing after warning; probation violation
Kassie L. Dwyer, 37, contempt of court failure to appear x 3; disorderly conduct
Anthony P. James, 39, disorderly conduct; drunkenness/profanity in public place; probation violation
Brittany Page, 19, drunkenness/profanity in public place; disorderly conduct
Lionel M. Bradley, 35, disorderly conduct; drunkenness/profanity in public place
Van M. Pflueger, 27, DUI
Gerard Vansomeren, 24, DUI
Dahrius Green, 21, simple domestic violence simple assault
Charles A. Burton Jr., 57, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
John G. O’Quinn, 46, possession of paraphernalia; felony possession of controlled substance; probation violation
Franky R. Buckley III, 32, felony possession of controlled substance
Shirley M. Wagers, 72, DUI

Jaxon M. Riddick, 23, simple domestic violence simple assault
William N. Hampton, 62, contempt failure to appear x 2; contempt failure to comply
Clyde W. Hall, 68, simple assault
Brenda S. Bell, 66, disturbing the peace
Timothy P. Haney, 44, contempt of court failure to appear
Stephen S. Garrett, 38, simple domestic violence simple assault
Joanna M. Ladner, 43, probation violation
Patrick L. Nickleberry, 31, possession/transfer of controlled substance in a correctional facility
Cyndel L. Summers, 31, identity theft or attempt to obtain identity x 2; possession of weapon by felon; felony possession of controlled substance; child: felonious abuse and/or battery of a child
Kyle J. Tanner, 26, contempt failure to appear
George P. Becker, 78, trespass
Blake E. Scheel, 32, malicious mischief; probation violation

Courtney R. Johnston, 34, shoplifting; contempt of court failure to appear
James J. Stephens, 47, DUI; contempt of court failure to appear
Nicholas H. Carver, 38, possession of a controlled substance; hold for other agency
Labranden T. Peoples, 34, DUI
Wayne A. Brooker, 71, assault aggravated domestic violence
Nicholas S. Moran, 20, contempt of court failure to appear
Derek A. Ferrill, 38, simple domestic violence simple assault
Emmett R. Acker, 45, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; DUI
Michel R. Breaux, 34, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; felony possession of controlled substance; contempt of court failure to appear
Mary M. McElrath, 49, DUI
Melissa L. Sweeton, 51, contempt of court failure to appear
Emmanuel D. Wilkerson, 37, DUI

Bay and D’head are off to the races

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

The 2025 municipal races in Bay St. Louis and Diamondhead are already heating up — qualifying began last Thursday, Jan. 2, and several people have already entered their paperwork to run in both cities. “I’m excited to officially announce that I have filed to run for mayor of Diamondhead in the Republican primary on April 1st,” current Ward 2 Councilwoman Anna Liese said on social media on Jan. 2. “It’s been my privilege to serve on the city council since May of

2022, and during this time, I’ve worked hard to represent Ward 2 well. I’ve gained a clear understanding of the role of mayor in our form of government, and I will continue to work to mend fences and build bridges with a focus on helping Diamondhead reach its highest potential.” Diamondhead City Clerk Jeannie Klein said that other people who had already qualified, as of press

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mained the same for this year, it’s the original created by Bay artist Steve Barney, MacPhaille said, and “it’s holding up well,” although now it’s lowered electronically, rather than by hand.

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In 1995, she established The Imagination Library, a non-profit organization that sends one book per month to each enrolled child from birth until their first year of school. Every year, since 2000, five high school seniors in Sevier County are awarded the Dolly Parton Scholarship, which provides \$15,000 for each recipient to pursue college. I mean, that is quite literally just the tip of the

iceberg of the wonderful things that Dolly Parton stands for. You can learn more at www.dollyparton.com and www.imaginationlibrary.com. The year before last, I was gifted some of her perfumes and I must say that I did enjoy them. The bottles were cute and decorated with her signature butterfly. This Saturday, Jan. 11, downtown Bay St. Louis will be filled with the spirit of Dolly during the annual Dolly Should event, hosted by the Mockingbird Cafe and Old Town Merchants.

MacPhaille said a lot of companies sponsor the event, and he’s greatly appreciative — “We spend probably \$50,000 for this every year,” he said. This year’s sponsors included Silver Slipper Casino Hotel, Hancock Whitney, Mississippi Power, Josh Desalvo, Mayor Mike Favre, King Waste, Mitchell Brewing

Company, 200 North Beach, John McDonald Realty, The Blind Tiger, and Southern Insurance Company out of New Orleans. “We are looking for some additional sponsors next year to make it even better,” he said. If you would like to get involved, give us a call.” Since the Mockingbird Cafe is also full of a wonderful and caring staff, they are the perfect fit to host this event. In keeping with the spirit of Dolly’s literacy initiatives, the shops of Old Town Bay St. Louis are accepting new and gently-used children’s books to be donated to Hancock County libraries. There will also be live music, a Dolly look-alike contest, highest hair contest, a Dolly beauty shoppe, and food and drink specials. You can check out the Echo’s Second Saturday pages in today’s edition

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In 1905, a severe yellow fever epidemic hit New Orleans. Dr. John Hunter, Secretary of the Mississippi Board of Health, ordered a state quarantine against the City of New Orleans. Authorities in Mississippi, Alabama, and Texas established similar quarantines to protect their citizens. Louisiana felt these reactions were extreme. Preventative measures in both states were recommended such as elimination of all stagnant water, put a teacup of “insurance oil” on the surface of cistern water, cesspools, and privy vaults, put mosquito nets on beds, and install screens on doors and windows.

New Orleanians who had summer homes in Mississippi were not allowed on the Gulf Coast. On July 26, 1905, Mississippi Governor James A. Vardaman sent Mississippi military personnel to the Louisiana border with orders to maintain the quarantine “at the point of a bayonet.” Mississippi sent armed boats to the Rigolets to waylay outward schooners. Louisiana Governor Blanchard ordered armed vessels to Lake Borgne, Chef Menteur, and the Rigolets “to protect the rights of Louisiana fishermen and boatmen who have been harassed, annoyed, and assailed by Mississippi quarantine guards.” The dispute was settled when President Theodore Roosevelt intervened and Federal Authority negotiated an armistice. This con-

flict has been called the Louisiana Mississippi Quarantine War of 1905 or the “War of the Waters.” But the 1905 Yellow Fever epidemic, the last that the South experienced, left 870 cases with 70 deaths in Mississippi and 9,321 cases with 988 deaths in Louisiana. In conclusion, Yellow Fever epidemics in the Nineteenth Century were disasters. Citizens panicked and often left the county bundled up what they could carry with them and in less than two hours would be off north to the countryside to stay with family or friends. In the Twentieth Century, great discoveries and advances in Medicine such as vaccines would provide patients with cures for infectious disease.

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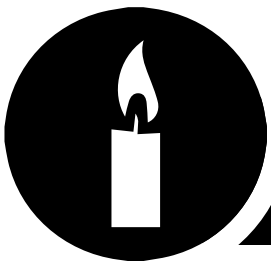
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- BERTRAND OLAVIDES SY, MD
- DENEEN SIMPKINS TERRY

LaDaibrien “Daibrien” Jevon Acker

Our Beloved, LaDaibrien “Daibrien” Jevon Acker, passed away on December 21st at the tender age of 19, in Waveland, Ms.

Daibrien was born on Groundhog Day on Wednesday, February 2, 2005, in Bay St. Louis, Ms., to Apolonia and Cedric Acker. He graduated from Hancock High School. Daibrien had a deep passion and talent for music - he was a rising star. He loved art and drawing. His mind was a poetic galaxy. He had the ability to talk to anyone about anything. He did many quiet acts of kindness noted by his family.

Daibrien loved animals. He also loved watching UFC and boxing. He cherished the time spent with his brothers, Anjel (his best friend) and Zayd (his “baby” brother); Dabrien deeply treasured playing with his nephew, Sainty, and his niece, Solana; Daibrien also spent many of his days with his adored friends and cousins. Above all, Daibrien loved to snuggle and watch TV with his beloved 4-month-old son, Majjé, and girlfriend, Rachelle “Chelle” Nickelson. He is survived by his parents, Apolonia and Cedric, as well as his brothers, Anjel and Zayd; his grandmothers, Nolvía - “Mami”, and Rose- “MawMaw”; his



beloved son, Majjé, and adored girlfriend, Chelle. Daibrien was preceded in death by his Pawpaw, Walter Acker; his great-grandmother, Ana Rosa (Abuela) Recarte; and his Papi, José Bacallao.

Daibrien touched the hearts of all who knew him. His voice will never be forgotten. Long live your legacy, Daibrien.

Debra J. Rose

April 5th, 1957 - December 31st, 2024

“Life is eternal, and love is immortal, and death is only a horizon; and a horizon is nothing — Save the limit of our sight.” — Rossiter W. Raymond

Debra J. Rose passed away peacefully on December 31, 2024, surrounded by an abundance of unconditional love from her family and friends. When we think about Debra’s life, we think about all the good she has done. Debra was devout in her faith and deeply loved God. She lived a vibrant and compassionate life, always

striving to help those around her. Her dedication to serving others was evident in her years as an in-home care provider for Hospice patients, offering comfort and support to individuals and their families during life’s most challenging moments. Debra’s memory will live on in the hearts of her daughter, her beloved friends, and her family. She will be remembered for her unwavering kindness, her sharp wit that could brighten any room, her deep love of animals, and her selfless nature. Debra had a unique way of making others feel valued and cared for, leaving an indelible mark on all who



knew her. Debra’s legacy is one of love, compassion, and faith. Her memory will endure because she lived so well and gave so much to the world around her. She was loved wholly, and completely, and she will never be forgotten. May she rest in peace, as she so rightfully deserves.

Michael John Gremillion

Michael John Gremillion, 73, of Ansley, passed away on December 23, 2024. Beloved and treasured husband of Tracey S. Gremillion. Born in Nashville, TN to the late Esmond B. Gremillion and late Margaret Gremillion.

Michael was raised in Gretna, LA and graduated from Martin Behrman High School in 1969. He spent many years in Slidell, where he was an active member of the Krewe of Dionysus and enjoyed a long career in sales, first at Carter’s Flooring & Appliance and then as Sales Manager at Blossman Gas in Biloxi. In 1997, he moved to Ansley, the place that would become his own private paradise.

Michael (or Mike, Mikey, or Moochy to his closest friends) enjoyed taking visitors on a boat ride through Heron Bay, where he’d point out pods of dolphins, sunning gators, and the ruins of an old Prohibition era resort. He especially enjoyed fishing there with a cold beer in hand (and if it wasn’t a good day, he’d joke that the Fish Finder must be playing a pre-recorded tape). For visitors and neighbors, he was quick to rig up a fishing rod and provide a lesson as needed more than one niece and grandnephew got their first catch this way. And if they joined him for a

meal at his table, they were treated to his quick wit, laughter, warm curiosity, and if they were really lucky a helping of his famous fried turkey. Mike loved sharing his view of the marsh from his porch, where he took in the sunsets and lightning storms and watched for the return of migrating whistling ducks. And whether he was in his favorite easy chair with his dogs or doing work around the property, he especially loved sharing the place with and often gently teasing his beloved Tracey, for whom he was a rock for 43 years. His faith in the Lord was private but deep, and we are comforted to know that he has a new paradise now, one untouched by hurricane, mosquito, or heat wave.

Michael was a treasured family member to many. He was the father of Michael John Gremillion, Jr. and the late Nichole Marie Gremillion; stepfather of Terrence Scott Nunn and Richard Todd Nunn; and grandfather to the late Nicholas Gremillion and Spence Michael Gremillion. He was the brother of Karen Selenberg, Donna Madacsi, and Kenneth Gremillion. Uncle to Kirk Selenberg, Lauren Selenberg Ireland, Conner Gremillion, Brian Madacsi, Jeffrey Madacsi, Scott Rampona, Deborah Rampona, Daniel Price, Cassia Rivera, Darby Price, Gabe Hochmuth, and Andrew



Hochmuth. Great Uncle to John Thomas Selenberg, Caroline Selenberg, Olivia Price, David Price, Eli Rivera, Cai Rivera, Wren Seward, Josie Oliver, Jonathan Oliver, Maddy Rampona, Ranger Rampona, and Bon Rampona.

We will all miss him terribly until the day we’re reunited, as we know he is with those who preceded him. In honoring his wishes, there will be no services. The family will gather together to celebrate Mike and his life.

In lieu of flowers, any memorial contributions can be sent to St. Jude, online stjude.org or mail to: St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 or call (800) 822-6344 or Wounded Warrior Project; online woundedwarriorproject.org or mail to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 or call (855) 448-3997

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is honored to serve the family of Michael John Gremillion.

Bertrand Olavides Sy, MD

Bertrand Olavides Sy, MD, 78, of Diamondhead, Mississippi, was born January 14, 1946 to Praxedes and Sabina Sy. He passed away January 3, 2025 surrounded by his family.

In 1974 Bertrand moved from the Philippines to Brooklyn, New York where he completed his pediatric residency, becoming a board-certified pediatrician. He married Bernadette Tan in 1975, and together, in 1980, they moved to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, where they established a pediatric practice that faithfully and compassionately served patients for 32 years. During many of those years Dr. Sy was the sole pediatrician in the area where he and Bernadette became beloved members of the Bay community.

Bertrand was a long time, dedicated member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, and in recent years he also attended Most Holy Trinity Church in Pass Christian, Mississippi. Bertrand enjoyed spending time and celebrating special occasions with his loving family. Trav-

eling to the Holy Land, Fatima, Lourdes, Rome, amongst many others brought opportunities that Bertrand treasured for both worship and historical appreciation. Bertrand loved to sing, and he often enjoyed watching musicals, both in movies and on stage. Boating in the Bay became a favorite activity while living at their home on the water.

Following Bertrand’s retirement, former patients and their families loved encountering their doctor and Bernadette out and about in the Bay area. Dr. Sy’s heart-warming smile and genuine caring continued to be sources of encouragement and delight throughout this life.

Bertrand is survived by his beloved wife, Bernadette Sy; sons, Dr. Bernard Sy (Christine) of Lebanon, Tennessee, and Brian Sy (fiancée Amanda Weaver); daughters, Bernice Sy, of Atlanta, Georgia; and Beverly Owen (Phillip) of Diamondhead, Mississippi; three grandsons, Noah Sy, Benjamin Sy, and Parker Owen; and four granddaughters, Olivia Sy, Gabriella Sy, Brooklyn Owen, and Brynn Owen.



Bertrand was preceded in death by his parents.

Gathering in thanksgiving for the life of Bertrand Sy, funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 11th, at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, in Bay St. Louis. Family visitation will be 11:00 am-11:30 am, and public visitation 11:30 am-1:00 pm, with Mass at 1:00 pm. Burial follows at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, MS, or Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Pass Christian, MS.

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Emily Victoria Hudson

Emily Victoria Hudson was born in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi on September 9, 1934 to Edgar and Lillian Raboteau. She passed away in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania surrounded by loving family on January 2, 2025 after surviving a pancreatic cancer diagnosis for over five years.

Emily retired from the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, where she worked for 38 years. As an industrial specialist, she oversaw the hiring, promotion and retirement of a diverse workforce at the Shipyard from laborers to engineers, ensuring that the process was fair and equitable for all, and through which she helped to provide a second chance of employment for many. She received many awards and recognitions during her tenure at the Ship-

yard, including Woman of the Year. While balancing work and raising 5 children by herself, Emily earned a Bachelor of Science magna cum laude from St. Joseph’s University.

In her retirement Emily enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and beloved dog Cotton. She also recommenced many hobbies during retirement including reading, listening to EWTN, and learning how to operate her iPad. Emily was predeceased by her parents, her brothers Eldridge, Edward, Edgar, Vincent, her sister Clothilde, and her daughter Eileen. She is survived by her children Karen, Keith, Lorraine, and Lillian (and sons-in-law Chuck and Gailon); she also leaves behind many grandchildren, great-children, cousins, nephews, nieces



and her brother Joseph, all of whom she loved with all her heart.

Emily lived with grace, humility, perseverance, and love. She was loved dearly and will be missed every day.

Friends and family are invited to her viewing on Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 10-11 AM in St. George’s Roman Catholic Church in Glenolden, where Mass will be at 11 AM. Interment will follow in Saints Peter & Paul Cemetery, 1600 Sproul Road, Springfield.

Deneen Simpkins Terry

Deneen Simpkins Terry was born July 22, 1964, to the late Ethel Bell Harrington Simpkins and Joe Louis Antoine Sr., she accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age at the Mt. Chapel Baptist Church in Waveland, MS. Deneen graduated from Bay High School in Bay St. Louis, MS., in 1983. She worked different jobs in the Hancock area before moving to St. Paul in 1993. After arriving in St. Paul Deneen began looking for her church home and found her place at True Spirit Ministries. Once settling in Minnesota, she married the late Michael “Tiger” Terry and found a fulfilling career at United Hospital for over 25 years until retirement.

Once she retired, she had one mission, to live life to the fullest. She spent most of her time traveling and seeing the world, spending time with family and friends,

and singing every chance she got. She was a true example of “This Little Light of Mine, I’m Gonna Let It Shine!”.

Deneen was a traveler with a fun-loving, kind, funny, and gentle spirit. She was one of the brightest lights the world had to offer. She gave every person she met an example of how to live happily.

Deneen is preceded in death by her parents, Ethel Bell Harrington Simpkins, and Joe Louis Antoine Sr., husband Michael “Tiger” Terry, and her brother, Michael Simpkins Senior. She leaves behind her three sisters: Elizabeth Simpkins Allen of Waveland, MS, Monique Lewis (Sam) Catahoula, MS, Katrina Antoine, Jesup, GA and Ann Simpkins, St. Paul, MN; three brothers: James Simpkins of Waveland, MS, Joe Brown, Pass Christian, MS, Joseph Louis Antoine, Jr., Jesup, GA; Godchildren: Kylie, Xavier, Ariana Simp-



kins; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and family and friends to cherish her loving memory.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Maria for the amazing friendship and caregiving you gave to Deneen in her final days.

Deneen’s final celebration of life will be at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church on 400 Morris Street, Waveland, MS 39576 at 11a.m. on Saturday, January 4, 2025. Residing Pastor Kimble Otis. Her final place of rest will be at Waveland Cemetery on Dufour St. in Waveland, MS.

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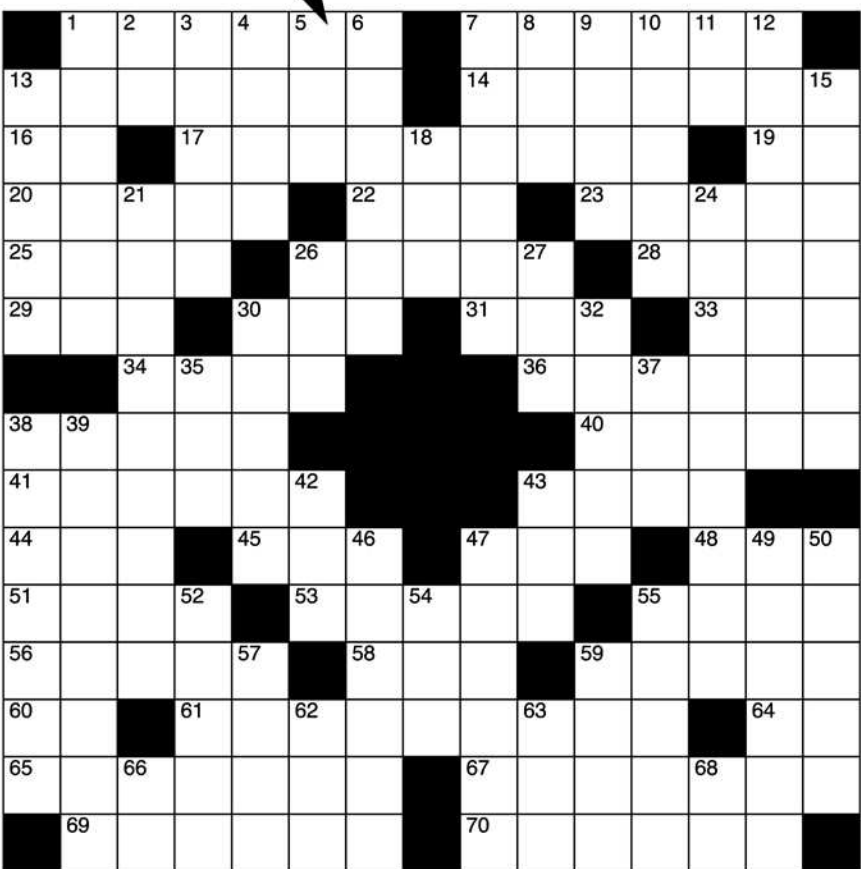


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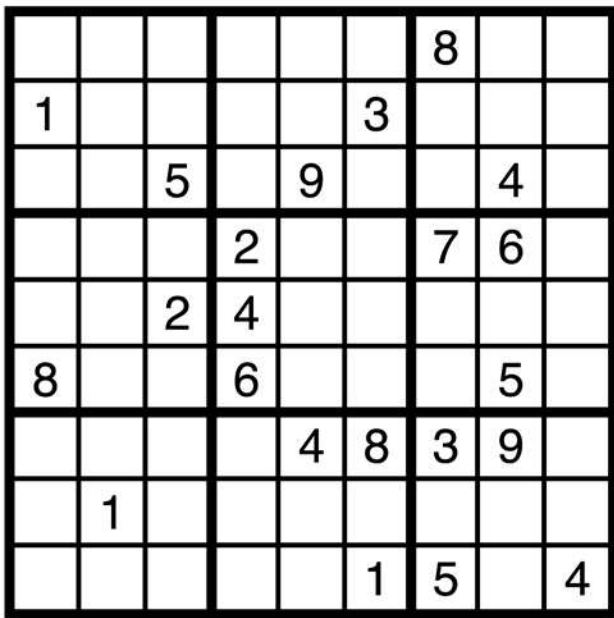
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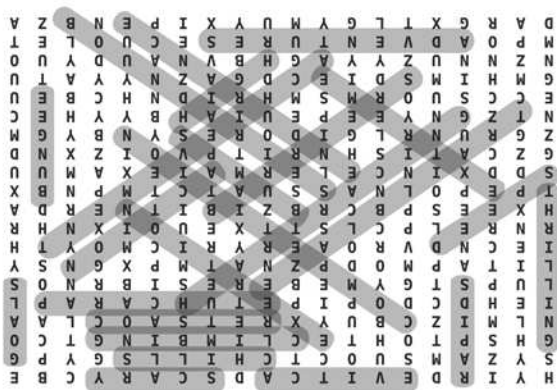
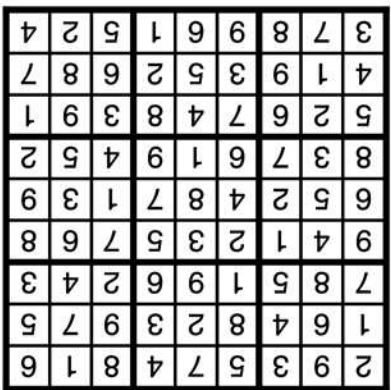
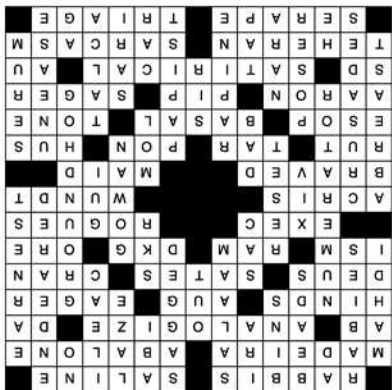
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Devotional Page

Discovering the passion in life

By **REV. C. GERALD RICHARDSON, D. MIN**



C. Gerald Richardson, D. MIN.

Reading has been an integral part of my life for as long as I can remember. It began with the “Alice and Jerry” books of first grade. As I grew older, I moved into different and larger material. As a teen I often

read sports novels which were geared to young audiences. In later high school years my interest expanded to literature which was of a more mature nature. In those days this often took the form of “Readers Digest” condensed books which were popular at that time. My family subscribed to this series, and I recall looking forward to their quarterly arrival and devouring them as quickly as I could. Sometimes people would dismiss this genre as less than legitimate. My mother once asked a high school English teacher, who attended our church, her opinion about them. Her reply was, “Let him read. It will help him appreciate the value

of books.” That is what happened, and reading remains an important part of my life to this day. It also gave me an appreciation of good writing, and it caused me to strive to improve my work in that craft as well. The point of all this is to recognize and highlight the value to be found in the pursuit of passion in life. An ancient quote from scripture is pertinent here. “Whatever your hands find to do, do it with you might.” (Ecclesiastes 9:10) There is spiritual wisdom in this insight. We all possess qualities which have the capacity to ignite passion within us. When they are nurtured and developed, they can

lead us to experiences which enrich us and bring meaning and purpose. Blessing can be found as we embrace the gifts that have been received in life and try to do our best with them. None of us will ever do this perfectly. I certainly know that this has been the case in my own journey. There will be mistakes, disappointment, sometimes failure, and even loss. One of the most difficult lessons that we can ever learn is that it is the journey, not the destination, which teaches us, and that is the path to growth and strength. We are sure to know joys and sorrows along the way. All of this is essential to moving toward the poten-

tial within every human life. One of the most important convictions I hold is that there is a spirit which resides in every person. The question is not whether it is present, but how seriously we will embrace it, and what we will do with it. This is not about religion. It is not about convincing God to do something mystical or magical within us. It is about claiming our gifts, being thankful, and using what we have for blessing in the world. In this New Year may each of us commit to living into our passion, may we discover our unique gifts, and may we seek to utilize them in ways which bring hope and grace.

HANCOCK COUNTY AREA WORSHIP SERVICES

ADVENTIST

Bay Seventh Day Adventist Church
106 Turner St.
Bay St. Louis
304-1525

Worship/Study Services are held every Saturday (Sabbath) The Church Family Bible Sabbath School Study begins @ 9:30 AM. The Church Family Worship Hour begins @11:00 AM. A Vegetarian Meal follows the Worship Service. Everyone is Welcome! Prayer Meeting every Thursday currently @ 6:15 PM

APOSTOLIC

The Church of Our Lord Jesus
Kiln-Cutoff Rd.
Waveland
Pastor David Rush
255-1286
Sun. Service 10 a.m.
Wed. night worship 7 p.m

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Faith Assembly of God
Hwy 43 | Kiln 255-2567
First Assembly of God
1912 Arnold St., Waveland
467-7667

BAPTIST

Bayou Talla Fellowship
18555 Hwy 43 Kiln
255-1118

Bayside Baptist
7547 Hancock Dr.
Bayside Park | 467-0500

Emmanuel Baptist
2241 Longfellow Rd. | BSL
467-2186
emmanuelbaptistsbsl.org

Catahoula Missionary Baptist Church
22140 Hwy. 43 South,
Hancock Co.

First Baptist
141 Main St. | Bay St. Louis
467-4005

First Baptist of DeLisle
25305 Cuevas DeLisle Rd
Pass Christian 255-6550

First Baptist Church
Franklin & Hancock St.
Pearlington | 533-6030

First Missionary Baptist
Sycamore St. | Bay St. Louis

First Southern Baptist
Pearlington
533-7313

Grace Chapel
9208 Edwin Ladner Rd
Pass Christian 255-3255

Jacob's Well
29554 Vic Faye
Pass Christian 255-2555
Worship Sunday at
9 & 11 a.m. , Sunday School/
Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Kittiwake Baptist Church
1410 East 2nd St.
Pass Christian | 452-4198

Lakeshore Baptist Church
6028 Lakeshore Rd.
Lakeshore | 469-0110

Little Providence Baptist Church
21150 Hwy. 43
S. Catahoula
255-2089
littleprovidence.org
Sunday school, 8:30 a.m.;
morning worship, 10 a.m.

Little Zion Baptist
510 Central Ave. | Waveland

Macedonia Baptist
400 Morris St. | Waveland

Morning Star Baptist
Sycamore & Watts
Bay St. Louis | 466-4849

Mt. Chapel Baptist
721 Herlihy St. | Waveland
466-9829

New Hope Missionary Baptist
Whites Rd. | Pearlinton

New Life Baptist Church
6109 Road 312, Kiln
Sunday Services:
Bible Study at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11 a.m.

Worship at 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Services:
Bible study and prayers at
5:30 p.m.
Pastor Robert Newell - 228-
216-9492.

New Life Missionary Baptist Church
106 Turner St.
Bay St. Louis | 467-6871

Old Spanish Trail Baptist Church
5078 Hwy 90 W.
Bay St. Louis
Paul Burdic, pastor
228-344-3109
Worship: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
& 10:30am or 6pm Sunday

The Old Way By Grace Independent Baptist Church
6166 West Kemper Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
Pastor Gordon Howard
243-0617

Shoreline Park Baptist
Waveland-Kiln Cut-off Rd.
Bay St. Louis | 467-9461

Victory Baptist
Hwy 603 | Kiln 255-1353

West Bay Community Church
100 Jeff Davis Avenue
Waveland
www.westbaycc.org

CATHOLIC

Annunciation Catholic
Kiln-DeLisle Rd. Kiln
255-1800

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church
9062 Kiln Delisle Rd.,
Pass Christian.

Daily mass -- 8 a.m. Monday-Friday; held in the chapel Eucharistic Adoration --40 hours each week; check the website for specific hours Saturday masses -- 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.—held in the church • Sunday masses -- 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. • Adult Formation will be held on Sundays at 10-11AM before 11AM mass in the Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church Parish Center.

Our Lady of the Gulf
228 S. Beach Blvd
Bay St. Louis | 467-6509

Sacred Heart Catholic
14595 Vidalia Rd.
Pass Christian | 255-7453 or
255-7560

St. Ann Catholic
Clermont Harbor
Bay St. Louis | 467-5128

St. Clare Catholic
236 S. Beach Blvd., Waveland

St. Joseph Catholic
Hwy 604 Pearlinton
467-5128

St. Rose de Lima
301 S. Nicaise | Bay St. Louis
467-7347

St. Matthew The Apostle
27074 St. Matthew Church Rd.
White Cypress, Perkinston
255-7720

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Pearlington Christian Church
Corner of Whites Road and
Kellar Pearlinton
222-7226
Services:
10a.m. Sun. &
6p.m. Wed

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

The Garden
1807 Waveland Ave.
Waveland, services
Sun., 10:30 | 228-671-0332.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ
501 Pine | Bay St. Louis
467-9645

Church of Christ
17040 Cedar Dr., Pearlinton
Minister Darrell Lanford
342-8030

CHURCH OF GOD

Bread of Life
2290 Kiln-DeLisle
Services 10 a.m. Sunday

House of Prayer Church of God
530 St. John St., Bay St. Louis
Services: 11 a.m.
& 6 p.m. on Sun.,
7 p.m. on Wed. | 297-1886

Amazing Love Ministry Center
13296 Vidalia Rd
Pass Christian | 297-2143

EPISCOPAL

Christ Episcopal
912 S. Beach Blvd
Bay St. Louis 467-7757

St. Thomas Episcopal
5303 Diamondhead Cr.
Diamondhead 255-9213

Trinity Episcopal
Church St., Pass Christian

LUTHERAN

Lutheran Church of the Pines
309 Hwy 90, Waveland
467-6771

Grace Lutheran Church
19221 Pineville Rd.,
Long Beach
864-4248

METHODIST

Clermont Harbor United Methodist
Ilor St., Clermont Harbor
Pastor: Rev. T. Manuel
Johnson
Service: 11:00 a.m.

Diamondhead Methodist Church
5305 Noma Drive
Diamondhead | 255-6888
Pastor: Rev. Lee Ann Williamson • Sunday: 9:00 am
Worship and Kids Zone
Sunday: 10:00 am Disciple-
ship Hour • Tuesday: 8 am
Men's Breakfast, conversation
& devotion • Tuesday: 6 pm
Bible Study

First United Methodist
526 E. Second St.
Pass Christian

Greater Mt. Zion
African Methodist Episcopal
16223-3rd at 7th Ave.
Pearlington | 533-9976

Holmes Chapel United Methodist
Hwy 604 | Pearlinton

Main Street United Methodist
162 Main St., Bay St. Louis
467-4538

New Life Methodist Church
A Global Methodist
Community
Pastor Lee Ann Williamson

816-769-2060

Pearlington United Methodist
5210 Levee Ave., Pearlinton

St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal
741 Dufour Road
Waveland | 864-4739

St. Rock United Methodist Church
301 Herlihy Street
Waveland | 466-9185

Valena C. Jones United Methodist
248 Sycamore St.
Bay St. Louis

Waveland United Methodist
Vacation Ln., Waveland
467-8047 | Service: 10 a.m.
Rev. T. Manuel Johnson,
Pastor

MORMON

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
McLaurin Ave. Waveland
467-5009

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Bible Fellowship Church
7030 Menge Ave.

Pass Christian
452-0038 | bfc4u.org

Church of the King
Bay St. Louis | 317 Reese St.
Saturday, 5:00
Sunday, 8, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.
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12th grade at 6 p.m.
467-8375

Miracle Tabernacle
235 Old Spanish Trail,
Waveland | 467-3924
Pastor Frank Kendrick

Church of the Joshua Generation
27492 West Dubuissou Rd.
Pass Christian

Church Of The Living God Resurrection
1011 Maple Street
Waveland, MS 39576
466-5024

Church of the Lord Jesus Christ
6166 W. Kemper
Bayside Park

Central Bible Church
2002 Hwy 90 W
Bay St. Louis | 467-0529

Power House of Deliverance
1978 Washington
Bay St. Louis | 466-3841

Power of Prayer Praise & Worship Center
9012 Pine Dr. Waveland
467-7314

Revive My People Church
5224 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis

Southern Outreach Ministries
295 Hwy. 90, Suite 11
Bay St. Louis

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.;
Sunday Worship service, 11
a.m.; Bible study, Wed., 7p.m.

Triumph The Church and Kingdom of God and Christ
456 Easterbrook
Bay St. Louis | 466-4951

Word of Faith Christian Fellowship
1399 Old Spanish Trail
Bay St. Louis | 467-4488

Zacchaeus Community Church
106 Turner Street
Bay St. Louis
Sunday, 10 a.m.
Pastor Robert Gales
493-9944

PENTECOSTAL

First United Pentecostal
Old Spanish Trail, Waveland
467-3575

Healing Hearts Church
295 Hwy. 90, Suite 12,
Bay St. Louis
Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
Sun. evening service, 6 p.m.
Bible study, Wed., 7 p.m.

New Life Church
4404 Leisure Time Dr.
Diamondhead | 216-4105
Sunday,10 a.m

PRESBYTERIAN

Diamondhead Community Church
Diamondhead Circle
255-5556

Christian Education, 9am
Sunday Worship, 10am
Rev. Jason Edwards
dhcommunitychurch.org

Old Town Presbyterian (USA)
114 Ulman Ave.,
256-443-4100
Sun. service, 10 a.m.,
• Rev. Richard T. Gillespie

Long Beach Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
125 East 2nd Street
Long Beach
Rev. Dr. Dwight Ramsey,
Pastor
228-863-7633
Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.

Pineville Presbyterian
4476 Menge Ave.
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Sunday Worship at 11 a.m.;
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Hancock County Tax Assessor/Collector
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bate and registration, according to law, within ninety (90) days from this date.Failure to probate and register claims within the said ninety (90) day period will operate toforever bar such claims.
WITNESS my signature on this date, December 17, 2024.
/s/ Keri L. Farmer
Publish December 26, 2024; January 2 and 9, 2025

File: MS21414
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2022, Laura Ganucheau and Weston R. Ganucheau executed a certain Deed of Trust to Terry L. Caves, Trustee for the use and benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for The First Bank, its successors and assigns which Deed of Trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, on February 3, 2022, in Deed of Trust Book 2022, Page 3446.

WHEREAS, Citizens Bank NA f/k/a RBS Citizens NA, the current holder and/or assignee, substituted Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. as Trustee by instrument recorded in the Chancery Clerks Office on March 25, 2024 in Deed of Trust Book 2024, in Page 5462; and

WHEREAS, Default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Citizens Bank NA f/k/a RBS Citizens NA, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee in said deed of trust, will on January 29, 2025 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the main front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to wit:
Lot 58 and 59, Block 1, amended Plat of Unit 3, Phase 1, Diamondhead, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat of said subdivision of record in Plat Book 4 Page 18, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.
Also:
A parcel of land being part of Lot A, amended Plat of Unit 3, Phase 1, Diamondhead, Hancock County, Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 59, Block 1, amended Plat of Unit 3, Phase 1, Diamondhead, Hancock County, Mississippi, the Point of Beginning; thence run East along Southern Boundary of said Lot 59 to the Southeast corner of said Lot 59; thence South 03 degrees 58 minutes 35 seconds East a distance of 30 feet, more or less, to the center of a certain drainage ditch South of said Lot 59; thence run West along the center of said ditch to a point on the Southern extension of the West boundary line of said Lot 59; thence run North a distance of 30 feet, more or less, to the Southwest corner of said Lot 59 to the Point of Beginning

More commonly known as: 23117 Coelho Way, Diamondhead, MS 39525

I will convey only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.
Halliday, Watkins, & Mann, P.C.
Substituted Trustee
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.
244 Inverness Center Drive, Suite 200
Birmingham, AL 35242
(801) 355-2886

Publication dates: January 2, 2025, January 9, 2025, January 16, 2025, January 23, 2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL RAY LADNER, DECEASED

C. A. NO. 24-cv-00684-MA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO THE CREDITORS OF

MICHAEL RAY LADNER, DECEASED:

Letters of Administration having been granted by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 19th day of December, A.D., 2024, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Michael Ray Ladner, deceased, in Civil Action No.24-cv-00684-MA, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days after the first publication of this Notice to Creditors. A failure to probate and register claims within said time will operate to forever bar such said claims.

THIS, the 27th day of December, A.D., 2024.

s/ Leslie A. Ladner
LESLIE A. LADNER, Administratrix of the

Estate of Michael Ray Ladner, deceased

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C. A. NO. 24-cv-00684-MA

CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION ON PETITION TO ADJUDICATE THE HEIRS-AT-LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF MICHAEL RAY LADNER, DECEASED

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF

MICHAEL RAY LADNER, DECEASED, under the provisions of §§91-1-27 and 91-1-29 of the MISS. CODE ANN. (1972) as revised and supplemented.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND COMMANDED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR BEFORE THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, MEETING IN VACATION IN CHANCERY COURTROOM 2 OF THE HARRISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025, AT 9:00 OCLOCK A.M. TO RESPOND TO A PETITION TO ADJUDICATE THE HEIRS-AT-LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF MICHAEL RAY LADNER, DECEASED AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE RELIEF SOUGHT AND PRAYED FOR IN SAID PETITION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, THIS, THE 30th DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D., 2024.

TIFFANY LEE COWMAN, CHANCERY CLERK
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
152 MAIN STREET, STE. A
BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520 (SEAL)
By: s/ Bridgette Ladner, D.C.

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, MS, Hancock County Government Annex, 854 Highway 90, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, and said bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room for furnishing the following services:
NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION SERVICES -- BIDS FOR PUBLISHING PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ALL LEGAL NOTICES FOR THE COUNTY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025, AS REQUIRED BY LAW.
All bids must be on file with the Secretary of the Board on or prior to the hour and date first mentioned above, and must be sealed and clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Bid for Newspaper Publication Services, to be opened January 21, 2025."

Bids sent through the U.S. Mail are done so at the risk of the Bidder and should be addressed to the Board of Supervisors, 854 Highway 90, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. Bids may be delivered to Hancock County Board of Supervisors, 854 Highway 90, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, no later than January 21, 2025, AT 10:00 A.M.
The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities and to award in the best interest of Hancock County.
Published by order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, this the 6th day of January, 2025.
Scotty Adam, President
Board of Supervisors
Hancock County, Mississippi
By/Valerie Fitts, D.C.
Publish Dates: January 9, 2025; January 16, 2025

ORIGINAL PUBLICATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Notice is hereby given that the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, Hancock County,

Mississippi, will receive sealed proposalsat the Board Office, 854 Highway 90, Bay Saint-Louis, Mississippi, until 10:00 a.m. (CST) onTuesday, January 21, 2025, and then publiclyread aloud for a 7.5 Metric Ton Cab/ Air Mini Hydraulic Excavator.

The excavator must be in new and unused condition, 17,500 to 19,500operating weight, minimum 57.9 gross HP and turbocharged engine, enclosed cab with ROPS,airconditioned and hearing fixed side boom, 60"ditching bucket with bolt on replaceable cuttingedge, hydraulic thumb, quick coupler for easilychanging work tools or buckets, minimum reach atleast 21'9", factory integrated rear view backupcamera with color display, factory integrated AM/FM radio, strobe beacon, LED lights, straightdozer blade with bolt on replaceable wear edge,steel track with rubber pads, control patternchanger, boom work lights, travel alarm automaticengine idle, 2 speed travel, 60 month/ 3,000 hoursextended premier full machine warranty, upondelivery dealer to provide all filters for serviceintervals up to 500 hours, must make deliverywithin 45 days or less following issuance ofpurchase order with delivery to 18382 Highway 43,Kiln, Mississippi 39556 and must have a servicing dealer within fifty miles of that address.

Proposal documents are being made available via digital or paper copy.
Proposals may be submitted via sealed envelope orelectronically at www.centralbidding.com until the time specified.
Proposals received after thespecified time will be returned unopened.

Proposals submitted by sealed envelope must be addressed to Hancock County, County Administrator, 854 Highway 90, Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520 and designated as Proposal for Mid-sized Excavator.

The Owner expressly reserves the rightto accept or reject any or all proposals or any partof any or all proposals based on a lowest and bestproposal determination. If the proposal documentsrequest separate proposals on phases or items of aproject, the Owner reserves the right to accept orreject any or all proposals or any part of any or allproposals based on a lowest and best proposaldetermination on each phase or item for which aseparate proposal is requested. The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities.

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors will neither pay for any information herein requested nor beresponsible for any costs incurred by the proposer.
Publish dates: January 9, 2025, January 16, 2025.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

MRS. SHELDON C. BOUDREAUX A/K/AMARGARET BOUDREAUX PLAINTIFF VERSUS

CAUSENO.24-695-JS ODYSSEUS STRATEGIES LLC; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TIFFANY LEE COWMAN, IN HER CAPACITY AS CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; W. CROSBY PARKER IN HIS CAPACITY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR HANCOCK COUNTY; AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OREQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE WITHINDESCRIBED LANDS SOLD ON AUGUST 29, 2022, FOR THE2021 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AD VALOREM TAXESVIZ: 43 & 44 BLK 516 SPRINGWOOD PARK ADD. 1 SPRINGWOOD PARK ADD SEC 03 TWP 09 RANGE 15W RECEIPT #: 2021-4047-00CONVEYED DATE: 11/19/2024 PARCEL #: 172h-0-03-102.000DIST: 2451 CITY: 0 SCHOOL: 2 HANCOCK COUNTYREFERENCE: BK: 2017 PAGE: 1152 DATE: 2/06/2017 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

DEFENDANTS SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION- THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: ODYSSEUS STRATEGIES LLC; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TIFFANY LEE COWMAN, IN HER CAPACITY AS CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; W. CROSBY PARKER IN HIS CAPACITY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR HANCOCK COUNTY; AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OREQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE WITHINDESCRIBED LANDS SOLD ON AUGUST 29, 2022, FOR THE2021 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AD VALOREM TAXESVIZ: 43 & 44 BLK 516 SPRINGWOOD PARK ADD. 1 SPRINGWOOD PARK ADD SEC 03 TWP 09 RANGE 15W RECEIPT #: 2021-4047-00CONVEYED DATE: 11/19/2024 PARCEL #: 172h-0-03-102.000DIST: 2451 CITY: 0 SCHOOL: 2 HANCOCK COUNTYREFERENCE: BK: 2017 PAGE: 1152 DATE: 2/06/2017HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS NOTICE

This is a suit by MRS. SHELDON C. BOUDREAUX A/K/A MARGARET BOUDREAUX, to void tax sale and remove cloud on title to that certain property legally described as: DESCRIPTION OF LAND: 43 & 44 BLK 516 SPRINGWOOD PARK ADD. 1 SPRINGWOOD PARK ADD. SEC 03 TWP 09 RANGE 15W RECEIPT #: 2021-4047-00 CONVEYED DATE: 11/19/2024 PARCEL #: 172H-0-03-102.000 DIST: 2451 CITY: 0 SCHOOL:

2 HANCOCK COUNTY REFERENCE: BK: 2017 PAGE: 1152 DATE: 2/06/2017 MRS. SHELDON C. BOUDREAUX was the owner of the subject property in this matter one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the end of the redemption period and entitled to notice of forfeiture pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 27-43-1. She did not receive proper statutory notice thereby making the applicable tax sale void ab initio and the Chancery Clerk had no authority to grant a Chancery Clerk's Conveyance to ODYSSEUS STRATEGIES LLC. If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in this property, you are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of your response to the Complaint to Quiet and Confirm Title and For Other Relief to the attorney for Plaintiffs, Negrotto & Associates, PLLC, c/o Lewie G. "Skip" Negrotto, IV, the attorney for Plaintiffs, whose post office address is 300 Davis Avenue, Ste. 101-A, Pass Christian, MS 39571. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM THE 26th day of December 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. The address of the Clerk of this Court is 152 Main Street, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. Tiffany Lee Cowman, Chancery ClerkHancock County, Mississippi ISSUE DATE: 11/19/2024 BY: BRIDGETTE LADNER DEPUTY CLERK Publish Three (3) times: 12/26/2024, 01/02/2025, 01/09/2025

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF Hancock

WHEREAS, on the 27th day of October, 2022, Spencer B Smith, unmarried, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Trustee for U.S. Bank National Association, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Deed of Trust Book 2022 at Page 31574; and

WHEREAS, on the 4th day of December, 2024 the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Dean Morris, LLC as Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2024 at Page 28356; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 29th day of January, 2025, I will during the lawful hours of between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County courthouse L, 152 Main Street, Suite A at the north facing front door at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, LYING AND BEING SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, TO WIT: PARCEL #1: BEGINNING AT THE SE CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST; THENCE RUNNING WEST 370 FEET; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 840 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE POPLARVILLE-LYMAN HIGHWAY, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 53; THENCE RUNNING SOUTHEASTERLY TO A POINT WHERE SAID RIGHT OF WAY INTERSECTS THE EAST LINE OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4; THENCE RUNNING SOUTH 590 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 6 ACRES AND BEING PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, SUBJECT TO 1ST LIEN

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 18th day of December, 2024.

Dean Morris, LLC
Substitute Trustee
855 S Pear Orchard Rd., Ste. 404, Bldg. 400
Ridgeland, MS 39157
(318) 330-9020
adp/f24-0554
PUBLISH: 1-2-2025 / 1-9-2025 / 1-16-2025 / 1-23-2025

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI YOUTH COURT DIVISION HANCOCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY ANDREA A. SANDERS, AND SOPHIA MARIE TOLER, A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HER NEXT FRIEND, ANDREA A. SANDERS PETITIONERS VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. CC24-0013T
BRANDY MARIE BRYANT, A.K.A. BRANDY MARIE TOLER, A.K.A. BRANDY MARIE PHOENIX, AND RUDY

DESMOND TOLER RESPONDENTS
COUNTY COURT SUMMONS- THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI- TO: Brandy Marie Bryant, a.k.a. Brandy Marie Toler, a.k.a. Brandy Marie Phoenix, whose last known post office address is 9302 NW 60th St., Parkville, MO 64152, and who is not to be found in the State Mississippi on diligent inquiry You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by the Hancock County Department of Child Protection Services by Andrea A. Sanders, Commissioner of MS Department of Child Protection Services and Sophia Marie Toler, minor, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minor and demanding that the full custody, control and authority to act on behalf of said minor be placed with the Hancock County Department of Child Protection Services.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:00 A.M. ON THE 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AT THE HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 152 MAIN STREET, BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI 39520, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION; INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this 22 day of Nov. 2024. KENDRA NECAISE, CLERK HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI 39520

BY: V LADNER D.C. DEPUTY CLERK
Walter J. Eades, MSB #5280
Office of the Attorney General

1141 Bayview Ave., Suite 402
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530
Telephone: 228-436-6776
Email: Walter.Eades@ago.ms.gov

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

THOMAS N. VODANOVICH, STEPHEN PIGLIA and SIALABAR MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC PLAINTIFF

VERSUS
CAUSE NO. 24-CV-694-MA KATHIE S. LINGO, her unknown heirs and/or successors in interest, EARL LINGO, SR., EARL LINGO, JR., PAMELA BEASLEY, her unknown heirs and/or successors in interest, m JOSHUAUA D. BEASLEY, CHERI MALONE, SHAWN ABARE, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, W. CROSBY PARKER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, HANCOCK COUNTY, MS and ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE LAND SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXESON AUGUST 28, 2017 AS DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION DEFENDANTS SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Kathie S. Lingo, her unknown heirs and/or successors in interest Pamela Beasley, her unknown heirs and/or successors in interest Cheri Malone, her unknown heirs and/or successors in interest You have been made a Defendant in the petition filed in this Court by Perry Roach, the Petitioner, seeking Complaint to Confirm Tax Title. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint to the Attorney for the Plaintiff, James L. Gray, 101 East Canal Street, Suite E, Post Office Box 1682, Picaune, Mississippi 39466. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 16th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT on this the 19 day of December, 2024.

Tiffany Lee Cowman
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County Mississippi
By: Laurinell Kossel, Deputy Clerk

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
THOMAS N. VODANOVICH, STEPHEN PIGLIA and SIALABAR MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC PLAINTIFF

VERSUS
CAUSE NO. 24-cv-694-MA KATHIE S. LINGO, her unknown heirs and/or successors in interest, EARL LINGO, SR., EARL LINGO, JR., PAMELA BEASLEY, her unknown heirs and/or successors in interest, m JOSHUAUA D. BEASLEY, CHERI MALONE, SHAWN ABARE, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, W. CROSBY PARKER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, HANCOCK COUNTY, MS and ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE LAND SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXESON AUGUST 28, 2017 AS DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION DEFENDANTS SUMMONS THE STATE OF

MISSISSIPPI
TO: ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 31, 2020, OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Lots 39 and 40, Block A, HARBOR ESTATE SUBDIVISION, Second Addition, Hancock County, Mississippi as per the map or plat of said subdivision on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. Also identified as Tax Parcel No. 139B-0-29-269.000 and PPIN No. 22925. You have been made a Defendant in the petition filed in this Court by Sialabar Management Company, LLC, the Petitioner, seeking Complaint to Confirm Tax Title. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint to the Attorney for the Plaintiff, James L. Gray, 101 E. Canal St., Ste. E, Post Office Box 1682, Picaune, Mississippi 39466. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 26th day OF DECEMBER, 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT on this the 19 day of December, 2024. Tiffany Lee Cowman
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County Mississippi
By: Laurinell Kossel, Deputy Clerk

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2006, Valerie L. Ladner and Christopher R. Ladner executed a Deed of Trust to Hugh Keiting, Trustee for the benefit of the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, an agency of the Government of the United States of America, which is recorded in Book 2006 at Page 28406 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Underwood Law Firm PLLC has been substituted as Trustee under the Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby has been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of the indebtedness secured thereby, U.S. Small Business Administration, has requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell the property in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder together with attorneys fees, Substituted Trustees fees, and expenses of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, Underwood Law Firm PLLC, as Substituted Trustee under the Deed of Trust, will on January 16, 2025 offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash within legal hours (between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the following described property together with all improvements thereon situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, being the same property described in the Deed of Trust:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 35, 36, 37, and 38, Block 153, all in the Town of East Ansley, Hancock County, Mississippi as per the map or plat of said town on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Plat Book 79 at Page 37.

UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM PLLC will convey only such title as is vested in it as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURE, this the 5th day of December, 2024.

/s/ Andrew R. Wilson
Andrew R. Wilson (Miss. Bar #102862)
UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM PLLC
P.O. Box 1874
Madison, MS 39130
Phone: (601) 981-7773
File No. 24060242
PUBLISH: Sea Coast Echo: (12/19/2024, 12/26/2024, 01/02/2025, 01/09/2025)

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated February 11, 2014, executed by VERLON D SPIERS, JR. and JENNIFER L SPIERS conveying certain real property therein described to DENISE MCLAURIN, as Trustee, for Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage, Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi filed and recorded February 13, 2014, in Deed Book 2014, Page 2008; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to

REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE; and WHEREAS, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on January 29, 2025 within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the Front Door of the Hancock County Courthouse, 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to wit:

PARCEL #1: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, HANCOCK COUNTY MISSISSIPPI; THENCE WEST 770.0 FEET FOR THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREBY DESCRIBED; THENCE WEST 210.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 47 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST 501.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 44 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST 120.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 49 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST 651.53 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING 1.71 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING LOCATED IN THE S1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

PARCEL #2: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; THENCE WEST 1260.00 FEET FOR THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREBY DESCRIBED; THENCE NORTH 34 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST 306.65 FEET; THENCE NORTH 44 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST 120.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 47 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST 501.00 FEET; THENCE WEST 280.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING 1.50 ACRES, MORE OR LESS AND BEING LOCATED IN THE S 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 32162 DOGWOOD LN, POPLARVILLE, MS 39470. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Rubin Lublin, LLC
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
rslselaw.com/property-listing
Tel: (877) 813-0992
Fax: (470) 508-9401

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR RFP
Hancock County School District, MISSISSIPPI
Video Intercom Door Buzzers
Video Intercom Door Buzzers
Hancock County School District is seeking proposals for video intercom door buzzers throughout our school district until February 17th, 2025 at 8:00 am. Central Time.
A request for proposal (RFP) packet may be obtained from the Hancock County School District located at 18375 HWY 603 Kiln, MS 39556 or by calling 228-255-0376 or by emailing procurement@hancockschools.net.
Proposals can be mailed via FedEx or UPS, or hand-delivered to the Hancock County School District Office located at 18375 HWY 603 Kiln, MS 39556 and received before 8:00 a.m. on February 17th, 2025. Official RFP documents can be also downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the download of the electronic documents, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.
Proposals must be advertised and clearly marked on the outside of the envelope, "2025 Video Intercom Door Buzzers RFP". Failure to comply will cause the bid to be disqualified.
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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
IN THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
WHITE CYPRESS LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., A MISSISSIPPI NON-PROFITS CORPORATION PLAINTIFF(S)
VERSUS
CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CV-541-

JP
ELDON HARVEY DEFENDANT(S)
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: ELDON HARVEY

You have been made defendant(s) in a suit filed in this Court by White Cypress Lakes Property Owners Association, Inc., A Mississippi Non-profits Corporation, Plaintiffs, seeking relief pursuant to that certain Complaint To Impose Lien, Foreclose Lien and For Other Relief of the hereinafter described lands, to-wit:

LOT 17, MALLARD POINT, PHASE I, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL MAP OR PLAT OF THE CLERK OF THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint To Impose Lien, Foreclose Lien and For Other Relief filed against you in this action to Nathan S. Farmer, Esq., the Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose Post Office address is P.O. Box 1608, Picayune, MS 39466, and whose street address is 120 Goodyear Boulevard, Picayune, Mississippi 39466. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 19th OF DECEMBER, A.D., 2024, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

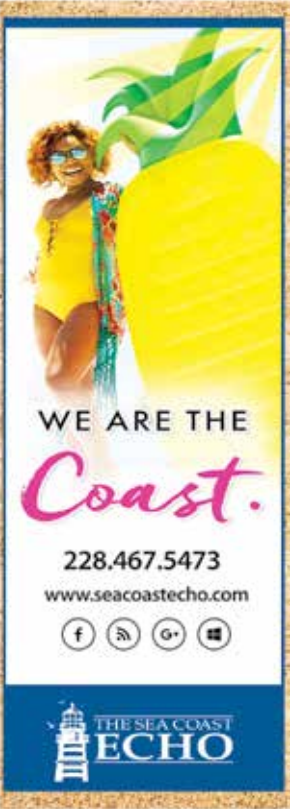
You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 11th day of December, A.D., 2024.

Tiffany Cowman
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi

By: Larrinell Kessel
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE
OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting Jan. 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:

TOW BIZ LLC
10016 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-493-4210

TAN
2010 FORD ESCAPE LIMITED
VIN# 1FMCU9E77AKA44817

GRAY
2009 HYUNDAI SONATA
VIN# 5NPEU46C19H452199

WHITE
2002 DODGE SPORT PICKUP
VIN# 1B7HL38N325632557

01/02, 01/09/2025

NOTICE
OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting Feb. 1st, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:

MOSSTOWING
12130 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-467-5227

○ **1995 GMC TOPKICK**
VIN# 1GDGGH1J6SJ513345

○ **2012 INTERNATIONAL PROSTAR**
VIN# 3HSDJ5JR6CN615713

○ **2018 JEEP COMPASS**
VIN# 3C4NJCAB2JT226615

01/09, 01/16, 01/23/2025



JANUARY 16

• Saint Stanislaus is pleased to invite parents to register their sons for our upcoming Day Student Interview Night, an important step in the admissions process for the 2025-2026 school year. This event is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2025, from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. All new incoming day students are required to participate in this interview process, which provides an opportunity for applicants to meet with a member of our admissions team. These one-on-one interviews are designed to get to know your son better and assess his fit for our academic community. Register for the Day Student Interview Night: <https://ststan.com/day-student-interview/>

JANUARY 18

• The Arts, Hancock County is hosting Mixed-Media Sculpture with visiting artist Jenny Day. A two-day workshop, Jan. 18 and 19. Class time is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In this class, you'll learn the construction of armatures with foam, wire, tape, and glue; attaching mixed media objects to an armature with glue and pins; theories of form and design in sculpture; thinking of a three-dimensional

form from multiple angles; pattern and surface; the impact and use of color and color repetition in mixed media. Learn more and register at www.hancockarts.org.

JANUARY 20

• The NAACP, Hancock County branch invites the public to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day at 10 a.m. at Valena C. Jones Methodist Church, 248 Sycamore St., Bay St. Louis. The keynote speaker is Dr. Raymunda Barnes. Brunch and fellowship immediately following program. Day of service project: Attendees are asked to bring nonperishable food items for the Hancock County Food Pantry. For more information, email naacp945@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 8

• The 57th annual Krewe of Nereids Mardi Gras Tableau Ball (strictly formal) will be held at 8 p.m. at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd., Biloxi. Free, but tickets are required for entry. You're invited to join in the fun with the presentation of the 2025 royal court and beautiful tableau, and then afterwards, enjoy a wonderful dinner

and dance. Formal attire required: Evening floor length gown and tuxedo required. No charge for viewing the ball tableau. For an invitation to the ball, contact info@thekreweofnereids.com. After party dance tickets are \$100 each. For after party tickets, email supperdance@thekreweofnereids.com.

Disclaimer

Events featured on the calendar page are printed at no charge and space permitting. Submissions are limited to community, educational, churches and non-profit organizations. Please submit your calendar entries electronically — to cassandra@seacoastecho.com.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Sea Coast Echo is looking for a new advertising sales representative to join our team. We're growing, and we're looking for a qualified sales rep who is ready and willing to grow with us. The advertising sales representative's responsibilities include identifying clients' needs, researching competitors' advertising services, products, and prices, and responding to potential clients' inquiries. Base salary and commission, plus benefits. The Sea Coast Echo serves all of Hancock County and western Harrison County, and has been in continuous operation since 1892. We also recently began publishing the Diamondhead News, and we offer cutting edge digital advertising including social media, geofencing, SEO and much more. Experience preferred, but attitude is everything — we will train the right individual and offer continuous training while you're on the job. We're located in beautiful Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, a long-time tourist destination located between New Orleans, La. and Biloxi, MS. Small-town living with big-city convenience. For more information, call us today at 228-332-0257 or email Geoff.Belcher@seacoastecho.com.

Hancock County Tax Assessor / Collector Homestead Exemption Applications Accepted

Homestead exemption applications will be accepted from
January 3, 2025 through March 31, 2025, office located at 854 Highway 90 Suite C., Applications must be filed in the Bay St. Louis office of Hancock County Tax Assessor between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
You must be living in your home on or before **January 1, 2025** to qualify for homestead exemption.
The property must be your primary residence in order to qualify.

The following information is needed to file your application.

- A) Warranty deed
- B) Cost of property
- C) Down payment amount
- D) License plate numbers for vehicles registered in Hancock County. (All vehicles owned must be registered in Hancock County.)
- E) If you are age 65 or older, proof of age is required
- F) If you are receiving 100% disability benefits, proof of your disability is required
- G) Is any part of the property rented
- H) Must have MS Driver's License and Social Security Number

You must refile your homestead exemption application if, on or before January 1, 2025 any of the following occurred

- A) You became over 65 on or before January 1, 2025
- B) You became 100% disabled service Connected veteran on or before January 1, 2025
- C) You acquired a new residence
- D) You acquired additional property that adjoins your homestead
- E) Your marital status changed (divorced, widowed, separated, etc.)

If you have any questions please call
228-467-5727
Jimmie Ladner, Jr.
Tax Assessor/Collector Hancock County

• **YEAR**

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Nicholson Avenue and Highway 603 and the city line here, we have some properties that need a little help and this is going to jump-start this area. This \$16 million project on these four acres of land will just revitalize this whole area. It's going to be the cornerstone of Highway 90 and the reason I say it's going to jump start is we're going to have 110 rooms here. Last week, a new owner purchased the apartments down here with 260 units. So, in a year-and-a-half, we're going to have 300 people just in this two-block area that we've never had before. So you're going to start seeing restaurants like the one across the street popping up and start seeing more businesses at this end. When I took office, everybody said that you need to do something about the entrance into Hancock County from the west. We're working on that and our building department is working on some code violations, we're trying to clean up the existing businesses, so I think you're going to see a big change in Waveland in the next 18 months to two years."

• A Kiln mother and daughter were injured in July when lightning struck their home while they were both holding plugged-in cell phones.

"I was laying in my bed and it was lightning outside and I had my phone plugged into the wall and lightning hit my house and came through the wall and through the phone charger into my phone and electrocuted me," Kathryn Underwood-Teck said.

Her mom, Sarah Underwood, was also injured in the lightning strike.

"She had hers on her arm, so it only hit her arm, but I had my phone resting on my chest, so it went through my whole body," Kathryn said.

Sarah and Kathryn first went to Gulfport Memorial for treatment, then "I was transported to the USA Health University Hospital in Mobile on an ambulance so that they were able to monitor my heart," Kathryn said.

She was admitted to the burn unit, having suffered electrical burns on her back and chest.

• The Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Waveland Police Department and Bay St. Louis Police Department teamed up with multiple agencies in July for what officers said is the largest single seizure of illegal methamphetamine in the Mississippi Gulf Coast's history.

Hancock sheriff's deputies, Bay and Waveland police, the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, Hattiesburg Post of Duty, DEA Gulfport Resident Office, Hattiesburg Police Department, and the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics "executed a surveillance and traffic-stop operation following an HPOD months-long investigation into an interstate Drug Trafficking Organization based out of Dallas and Houston, Texas," according to a press release from Hancock County Sheriff Ricky Adam's office. "These combined efforts resulted in the arrest of three individuals, as well as the

seizure of approximately 121 kilograms of methamphetamine (believed to be the largest methamphetamine seizure to date that was solely destined for the Mississippi Gulf Coast)." Officers estimated that the seized meth had an estimated street value of \$2.2 million.

August

• In the first week of August, Waveland and West Hancock firefighters were joined by Bay-side Park and Bay St. Louis fire departments, as well as off-duty personnel from Pass Christian and Diamondhead to quell a blaze that had threatened Buccaneer State Park. The fire apparently began at Clermont Harbor just off South Street one afternoon, but by 7 p.m., it had spread almost to the park, and officials ordered all campers to evacuate as a precaution. The blaze was finally extinguished and no injuries were reported.

• In August, we featured "The End of an Era in Bay St. Louis: Dr. James Mahler, DVM, announces his retirement, and "The Daily Grind: Made Wth Love — Dan's Po-Boys and Seafood celebrates eighth anniversary.

• Bay St. Louis Ward 5 Councilman Buddy Zimmerman — first elected in 2017 and reelected in 2021 — announced he was resigning from the council. Zimmerman also served for many years as the city's director of public works. Only one person, Linda Davis, made the qualifying deadline to finish out Zimmerman's term. She was appointed to the position in September.

• Hancock sheriff's deputies in August charged Robert Hammac, a 53-year-old Kiln resident, with second-degree murder after the death of a man he allegedly got into a bar fight with in June.

"An investigation led to it being determined Robert Hammac and Stanley Garcia were involved in a fight inside the (K&R) bar," Hancock Criminal Investigations Division Cmdr. Kristopher Robbins said in a press release. Stanley Garcia was transported to a Louisiana hospital, where he later passed away. Garcia died on June 9 at the age of 51. A service was held in his honor at Lakeshore Community Center on June 30. Hammac was released in September on a \$250,000 bond. The case is still pending in the court system.

• Ronald Zoerner, 39, of Bay St. Louis, was arrested on Aug. 23 for first-degree murder after killing a man at a residence in the 6000 block of East Grenada St. in Bayside Park. As of press time Tuesday, Zoerner was still incarcerated in lieu of a \$1 million bond as of press time Tuesday. The case is still going through the court system.

September

• In the first week of September, we reported that Hancock Circuit Judge Christopher Schmidt had filed an amended judgment in the case of End Diamondhead Uncertainty Inc.,; Steven K. Byrd and Robert M. Reese v. the Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners Association, Inc.

The ruling was on a plaintiff's motion to compel and motion for partial summary judgment

after the POA had filed a motion to dismiss.

Schmidt had ruled in May 2023 that the POA could no longer compel property owners to pay dues once the covenants had expired. Schmidt again affirmed the ruling in November.

Diamondhead Properties, Inc., started development of the then-private community Diamondhead in June 1970. In the initial phase, Diamondhead Properties, Inc. established a set of use and maintenance restrictions for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the real property through a Declaration of Restrictions, Conditions, Easements, Covenants, Agreements, Liens and Charges. However, those covenants began to expire after 50 years. Some are still in effect, but others began to expire a few years ago.

All sides in the matter agree that if property owners don't pay their dues, then there must be some other method found to cover the costs of maintaining Diamondhead's amenities, such as its golf courses, swimming pools and the country club.

The POA announced last month it would no longer use the court system, but would work on other approaches to finding funds to support the amenities.

• The Stennis International Airport Fire Department and dozens of first-responders from various other agencies were on stand-by late on Sept. 19 for a disaster that, fortunately, didn't occur.

During our 19-20 September flight, the aircraft experienced an inflight anomaly," Skydweller Communications Director Greg Caires said in a press release. "In preparation to land at Stennis Airport, we notified airport services, who responded but were not needed. Skydweller Aero continues to enjoy a perfect safety record due to the aircraft's advanced redundant systems, supported by our highly trained engineering development team."

Stennis Fire Chief Wade Beesley said the control tower got a call from Skydweller Aero, Inc., that one of its unmanned drones was coming in for a landing on Thursday evening, but the sensors on the drone were telling them the landing gear had not deployed.

"That's the protocol," Beesley said. "It was unmanned, but we put our response plan into action like we would a normal aircraft. Skydweller Aero assured us that this was never an emergency — they could have switched it over and got the landing gear down, which is what they ended up doing. They've since gone up again, which they did on Saturday, and returned with no more issues."

"I've only been chief here for about a year," Beesley said, "and this is just about our first opportunity for an emergency standby, and I was just amazed at how well everybody came through."

October

• The Hancock Sheriff's Office responded to a shooting at Harold & Lillian's bar in the first week of October.

"Upon arrival, deputies found a female victim to be suffering from a single gunshot wound

who was later transported to a Louisiana hospital to be treated for her injury," according to a press release. "An investigation into the incident led to it being determined Deon Morgan and Katrina Nordin were involved in an altercation at the bar. During the altercation, the female victim who was not involved sustained the gunshot wound."

Morgan, of Roxie, Miss., and Nordin, of Bay St. Louis, were both charged with disorderly conduct — interfering with business customers, according to the release. They were transported to the Hancock County Adult Detention Center while the investigation continues.

Although the sheriff's office did not release the identity of the victim, Harold & Lillian's Facebook page said that Terra Crain-Hayes "was injured last night in the parking lot due to an altercation outside. She made it through surgery and is in recovery. Keep those prayers coming please. She has a long road. We are going to be putting together some benefits & such as she will need help for her and the girls while she recovers."

• The 28th annual Cruisin' the Coast zoomed through Hancock County in October, and local officials say it was another one for the record books, with events in Waveland, Diamondhead and Bay St. Louis.

"Economically, this is just a shot in the arm for Hancock County," Mopar Day in Da Bay founder Lonnie Falgout said. "We brought this in

five years ago, and there are a ton of hotel rooms rented, restaurant meals purchased, gasoline and food and other items bought."

Cruisin' the Coast itself has been a huge benefit for Hancock County, Falgout said.

"When you add in the wonderful thing Waveland is doing on Wednesday and what Diamondhead is doing Wednesday afternoon and evening and the free concerts downtown on Friday and Saturday nights, this is a big shot in the arm for the whole county," Falgout said. "Thousands of people come here to have a good time and spend their money."

• Blossman Gas cele-

brated its grand reopening in Waveland in October with a ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by the Hancock Chamber and enough food to feed an army.

"We are excited to celebrate the grand reopening of our Blossman Gas location in Waveland," Kevin Braun, Waveland branch manager said in a press release. "This community has always been important to us, and we're thrilled to continue providing exceptional service with an even better customer experience. Our newly reopened location will allow us

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ROCKS FALL TO WEST HARRISON AND SWEEP WEST MARION ON HARDWOOD

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The area high school teams took a short break during the holiday time to rest up for the final stretch on the hardwood before the respective division tournaments begin. A few area teams were in action on the first weekend of the New Year.

BAY HIGH TIGERS

The Tigers (10-10, 1-1) evened their record over the holidays with a 55-43 loss to Greene County and a 12-0 win over Resurrection. No scoring details were available.

The Lady Tigers (14-5, 2-0) beat Greene County 40-28 to collect a Division 8-4A victory.

HANCOCK HAWKS

The Hawks (8-11, 1-0) lost to Gulfport 60-54 but rebounded to gain a 47-38 victory over Greene County during the holiday break last week.

The Lady Hawks (16-2, 1-0) beat Gulfport 42-25 in non-division action over the holidays.

OUR LADY ACADEMY CRESCENTS

The Crescents (12-3, 2-0) completed the sweep over the West Marion Lady Trojans 70-63 on Friday evening. The 70 points scored is the most points OLA has ever scored in a game. Taylor Henley had 31 points and 21 rebounds. Valentina Mossy had 17 points and 10 rebounds while Leah Laporte had 16 points.

SAINT STANISLAUS ROCK-A-CHAWS

The Saint Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaws traveled to West Harrison after a late night division game in Foxworth and stumbled against the Hurricanes 55-50. Up to Saturday afternoon, the Rocks (10-6, 2-0) had won six consecutive games.

Alan Gilliam opened the game for the Rocks with a three-pointer to give SSC the early lead. KeShawn Cook answered for the Hurricanes with a basket to cut the lead to 3-2.

The two teams battled basket-for-basket for the remainder of the period until the final 49 seconds when the Hurricanes went on a 7-0 run to close the period with Kameron Bolden scoring five of the seven points to give West Harrison a 17-10 advantage. The Hurricanes (10-8) got up by 11 points 23-12 on a basket from Jazeer Carter with 4:01 left in the first half.

The Rocks went on two 5-0 runs late in the period but the Hurricanes answered each run with a three-ball from Jeremiah McWilliams and DeAndre Weston, respectively, as the Hurricanes enjoyed a 29-22 halftime advantage.

With 4:12 left in the third period, SSC cut the lead to 35-32 on a three-pointer from Gilliam. However, the Hurricanes went on an 8-0

run before Gilliam sank another three-pointer to stop the run.

The period ended with the Hurricanes enjoying a 45-37 lead.

In the fourth period, Max Baria scored seven points to bring the Rocks within a basket at 51-49 with 2:25 to play. But, the Hurricanes got buckets from Cook and Weston to keep the advantage in favor of West Harrison.

The Hurricanes were led by Logan Robinson and Kameron Bolden with 13 points each followed by Jazeer Carter with 11 points and Cook with 10 points.

SSC head coach Daniel Grieves stated, "I knew that we would be somewhat sluggish today due to the late night returning from West Marion following an overtime division game last night. We did not have the energy or the rest needed to play an opponent of the athletic caliber of West Harrison. We had a game plan for the game but we were not able to execute it fully. The cushion they built

at the end of the first period hurt us. Today's game was perfect for us though. We are a young team in a program that is still trying to locate consistent success. We had won six in a row before today. This game will ground us to focus on the division



opponents like I know we can."

The Rocks were led by Alan Gilliam with 17 points followed by Max Baria with 10 and Jason Forte with 9 points.

The Rocks traveled to Foxworth for a Division 8-3A game against West Marion on Friday evening. The Rocks were able to outlast the Trojans 63-58 in overtime.

The Rocks were down at at halftime 26-24 and eventually got behind by as much as 15 points in the second half before forcing overtime scoring five points in the final 50 seconds of regulation to knot



the score 46-46.

Shots at the free throw line sealed the game for SSC as the Rocks went 5-for-8 while West Marion was 2-for-12 in the extra frame.

Max Baria led the Rocks with 30 points followed by Gilliam with 12 and Forte with 9 points.

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The area soccer teams got back into action on Saturday following an extended holiday break from the pitch. The state playoffs begin for the respective classifications at the end of January.

BAY HIGH TIGERS

The Tigers (10-2-1) dropped two games to St. Patrick 5-1 and DeSoto Central 3-1 last weekend in the first action back since the holiday break. Scoring details were not available.

The Lady Tigers tied DeSoto Central 4-4 in the I20/I10 Challenge this past weekend. The Lady Tigers currently sport a 7-4-4 record on

the season.

HANCOCK HAWKS

The Hawks (5-8-1) beat the Vancleave Bulldogs 7-0 and followed that with a 3-1 loss to D'Iberville. Tristan Bly scored three goals across both games to lead the Tiger charge.

On Thursday, the Hawks beat Vancleave

on two goals from Bly and Sam Powell and one goal from Blake Hauze, Noah Cowand, and Christian Biehl.

Bly scored the lone goal against D'Iberville. Hancock head coach Tanner Smith stated, "We were able to get back into the swing of things the last two nights with games to prepare us for our division sched-

ule coming up. These teams gave us a good look for George County and Long Beach."

The Lady Hawks (7-6) beat Vancleave 2-1 and followed that with a 4-2 victory over D'Iberville the following night.

OUR LADY ACADEMY CRESCENTS

The Crescents (5-6-2) dropped a 2-0 decision to Gulfport and a 3-2 finish to George County over the weekend.

SAINT STANISLAUS

The Rocks (11-1-1, 4-0) dropped a close decision with Gulfport 2-1 and tied Clinton 0-0 this past weekend.

AREA PLAYERS EARN ALL-DIVISION SELECTIONS IN FOOTBALL

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

Several area football players from Bay High, Hancock, and Saint Stanislaus earned post-season honors from the coaches for selection to All-Division teams following the 2024 season.

SAINT STANISLAUS ROCK-A-CHAWS

Saint Stanislaus led the area teams with 20 selections to the All-Division 8-3A team. Leading the way for the Rocks was All-American and Florida signee K Evan Noel. Players named to the All-MVP team for Division 8-3A include TE Finn Williford, OL Alston Davidson, DL Robert Kergosien, and LB Andrew Whitney. Players selected to the first team were

WR Adam Oliver, WR Brayden McDonald, DL Garren Couey, DB Lance Vaughn, and LS Christian Haas. Players selected to the second team include QB Sam Grant, RB Stephen Hutchison, RB Henry Nunmaker, WR Tripp Lee, OL Peter Hanlon, LB Jackson Wood, LB Drake Schmitt, DB Chris Failla, DB Max Rhodes, and DB Javien Thompson.

HANCOCK HAWKS

Hancock had 15 players selected for Region 4-6A honors. Named to the Region 4-6A All-MVP team were OL Mathieux Sims, RE Gabe Fricke, QB Kai-son Koennen, DL Jaxon Knight, and LB Julyan Santee. First team selections were LB Colton Hopgood, OL C.J. Bonney, DL Aidan Taylor,

RB Alex Vincent, and K Samuel Powell. Second team selections include Tre Robinson, Kaleb Schaefer, Donte Taylor, Omar Zelaya, and Dylan Rose.

BAY HIGH TIGERS

The Bay High Tigers had eight selections for the All-Division 8-4A team. Named to the first team were OL Brooks Martinez, DB

Noah Smith, LB Sage Fayard, and K/P Avery Harris. The second team selections include QB Xander Ladner, WR Jackson Callaway, DB Nemo Sowders, and DL Dekaiden Johnson.



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to better serve both residential and commercial customers with their propane needs, and we look forward to growing alongside the Waveland community for many years to come.”

November

- Bay St. Louis Mayor Mike Favre in November told members of the city council that police Chief Toby Schwartz had officially resigned. Councilmen ratified Favre’s appointment of Assistant Chief Alvin Kingston as the interim chief.

Schwartz, a veteran law enforcement official, said on social media Wednesday that the time had come for him to “really retire.” Schwartz was named chief of the Bay St. Louis Police Department in August 2022, after then-Chief Gary Ponthieux, Jr., announced his retirement.

- The city of Waveland hosted the “Safe Haven Baby Box Blessing” in November

The board approved the installation of the Safe Haven Baby Box at the Waveland Fire Department on Hwy. 90 in September 2023.

Monica Ladner, president of the Hancock County Republican Women’s Committee, on Tuesday thanked everyone who contributed either their services, times, and monetary donations.

“When I started this venture, I was asked by someone, ‘is it worth it?’” she said. “And my reply to them was, ‘if one baby is saved, then it’s worth it.’ I hope that this box will never be used, but if it’s used one time, then we as a community did the right thing.”

- The Hancock Chamber in November helped Trapani’s Eatery in Bay

St. Louis celebrate its 30th anniversary.

“It’s been a long road, but there’s been a lot of fulfillment down that road,” Jolynne Trapani, who founded the restaurant with her late husband Tony in 1994, said Friday night. “We thank our employees first — what a gift they have been through the years. We also thank all of our customers over the last 30 years. Without them, we couldn’t keep doing this. We just really want to thank everyone for all of the support over the years from the people of Hancock County. This is the greatest place to be.”

Jolynne said the family would be honoring Tony’s memory with the grand opening in few months of Anthony’s, a gourmet Italian restaurant on Court Street in Bay St. Louis, which will be run by their son, Joseph Trapani, and Franco Corso.

Hancock Chamber Executive Director Tish Williams said the Trapani family’s continued success over the past 30 years has been “a testament to the passion and dedication and love for Bay St. Louis” that they have shown. “They truly are a model of entrepreneurship.”

December

- Waveland police on Dec. 21 arrested a 21-year-old Kiln man in an apparent double-shooting at the Circle K gas station on Hwy. 90.

Officers were dispatched to the scene at about 1:33 a.m. Saturday and found LaDaibien Acker suffering gunshot wounds to the chest, Chief Michael Prendergast said in a press release.

“Medical personnel arrived on scene and transported the victim to Ochsner Medical Center where he succumbed to

his wounds,” Prendergast said. “Through the course of the investigation it was learned that a female victim was also shot in the arm and has since been released from the hospital.

Police arrested Robert Sams Jr., charging him with first-degree murder and aggravated assault. He was transported to the Hancock County Jail. Sams was released last week on a \$200,000 bond.

Anyone with information in the case is asked to call the Waveland Police Department at 228-467-3669 or Central Dispatch at 228-255-9191.

- Officers of the Waveland Police Department arrested former Diamondhead elected official Alan Moran for allegedly stalking a 19-year-old Lowe’s employee. Later in the month, Circuit Judge Christopher Schmidt temporarily revoked Moran’s bond from a February conviction in which Moran pled guilty to one count of exploitation/solicitation of a minor and one count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Waveland police arrested Jeremy Cole Billings, 23, of Diamondhead; and Ian Joseph Schexnayder, 23, of Pearlinton, and charged them both with bribing a witness.

The man who claims Moran stalked him at Lowe’s filed a report with the Waveland Police Department on Dec. 13 that Schexnayder and Billings had “approached him in the parking lot of Lowes when he left work and offered him \$20,000 to drop the charges against Alan Moran,” according to the Waveland P.D. incident report. The man said that “the suspects then showed him a lot of cash and stated that it was \$5,000 up front and when (he) dropped

the charges he would get the rest of the money.”

The man told investigators he let the suspects know “he was not interested and was going to notify the police.”

Police arrested Billings and Schexnayder on Dec. 16. Both men were released Dec. 17 on a \$25,000 bond each. The case is currently pending.

- In a workshop meeting in the first week of December, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors discussed whether to repair damages at the historic Hancock County Courthouse building in downtown Bay St. Louis or look at selling the property and potentially building a new courthouse.

“When you’re looking at this from a financial standpoint, you’re looking at from a little bit of money to a whole lot of money, and anything in between,” County Administrator Jimmie Ladner said. “But, I do know this, whatever it is, the little bit of or lot of money, the scale is sliding in the wrong direction if we don’t do something with it now. The windows continue to leak badly, which is causing rot.”

Ladner suggested having the county’s engineers look at the courthouse and bring back recommendations.

Chancery Clerk Tiffany Cowman said she wrote down her concerns and distributed that handout to the board.

Board President Scotty Adam said that he, “personally, would like to see a whole new facility.”

“But, you’re talking a significant amount of money to build something,” he said.

Road manager Vic Johnson also brought up the fact that the courthouse is a historical building.

Ladner said, “if the direction we need to go is a new facility for circuit and chancery court that sits on this campus some place, that might be the direction we need to go.”

“I just know that we have to go in a direction,” Ladner said. “We can’t sit here with it just continuing to deteriorate.”

Before the county can approach the state legislature about possible funding, Ladner said, they would need preliminary elevations, sketches with square footage needs, and projected costs.

Circuit Clerk Kendra Necaise voiced some of her concerns with the building.

“Right now, our courtroom, the windows under them are wet,” she said. “I have a problem with the windows too, because if a fire happened, we wouldn’t be able to get out. We have rodent infestation, large, large rats. The carpet’s terrible.”

Cowman added that

“carpet is the only real option because the floor is not level.”

“We’ll have to make a decision at some point in time what we’re going to do with the old building,” Ladner said. “But, I think, right now we need to decide, and I think everybody is in agreement that just pouring tons of money into that old building to make it a functional courthouse is just good money after bad.”

The board unanimously approved a motion authorizing Neel-Schafer to bring back a task order for the conceptual development of a new county courthouse.



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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



MAX BARIA

SAINT STANISLAUS

BASKETBALL
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The boys' Basketball Player of the Week is Saint Stanislaus' Max Baria. Last week, Baria led the Rocks to an overtime division win against West Marion and a loss to West Harrison. Baria averaged 20 points, 10 rebounds, 4 assists, and 3 blocks in the two games last weekend.



TAYLOR HENLEY

OUR LADY ACADEMY

The girls' Basketball Player of the Week is OLA's Taylor Henley who scored 30 points and pulled down 21 rebounds in the Crescents' 70-63 win against West Marion.



TRISTAN BLY

HANCOCK

SOCCER
PLAYER OF THE WEEK

The boys' Soccer Player of the Week is Hancock's Tristan Bly. Last week, Tristan helped the Hawks to a 7-0 win against Vancleave and a 3-1 loss to D'Iberville. In the two games, Tristan scored three goals and had two assists.

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SCHEDULE

- **THURSDAY 1-2-25**
 - **Basketball:** Hancock at Gulfport, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
 - **Soccer:** Hancock vs Vancleave, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
 - **Soccer:** OLA vs Gulfport, 5:30 p.m.
 - **Soccer:** Saint Stanislaus at Gulfport, 7 p.m.

- **FRIDAY 1-3-25**
 - **Basketball:** Bay High at Greene County, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
 - **Basketball:** OLA at West Marion, 6 p.m.
 - **Basketball:** Saint Stanislaus at West Marion, 7:30 p.m.
 - **Soccer:** Hancock vs D'Iberville, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
 - **Soccer:** Bay High at St. Patrick, 7 p.m.

- **SATURDAY 1-4-25**
 - **Basketball:** Saint Stanislaus at West Harrison, 7 p.m.
 - **Soccer:** Bay High (boys/girls) at I-10/I-20 Tournament, TBD.
 - **Soccer:** OLA at I-10/I-20 Tournament, TBD.

- **MONDAY 1-6-25**
 - **Basketball:** Bay High at Resurrection, 6 p.m.

- **TUESDAY 1-7-25**
 - **Basketball:** Hancock vs Long Beach, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
 - **Basketball:** OLA vs Perry Central, 5:30 p.m.
 - **Basketball:** Saint Stanislaus vs Perry Central, 7 p.m.
 - **Soccer:** Hancock vs Long Beach, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
 - **Soccer:** OLA vs Bay High, 5:30 p.m.
 - **Soccer:** Saint Stanislaus vs Bay High, 7 p.m.

